

waste of money, the loss of labour, and the perpetual danger all : to these must be added the demoralization of myriads of young men by garrison life and the consequences of their vicious habits to the national character and the public health. On this continent, nature has given us an exemption from war and from the military system, now that slavery, which was itself an intruder, has found its grave ; surely there could be no greater blessing ; yet, there are those among us who apparently wish to reject it, and do their best to inoculate us with the military spirit, that they may entangle us in European quarrels. Among other things they have made us set up a Military College on a costly scale, which will soon be sending out twenty-five officers a year ; and next they will want an army for these officers to command. If garrison life is to be re-introduced here, either in this way or by the renewal of military occupation, our social reformers will find more work on their hands. Of that, British legislation for garrison towns is the revolting and conclusive proof.

In France, moderate Republicanism seems still in the ascendant. The general amnesty for Communists has been rejected, happily for the Republican cause, which some of those men would certainly have compromised in the eyes of the people, who, if not alarmed and repelled by Red violence, are evidently disposed to support the Republic. A combination of Moderates, from different sections, has been formed in the Senate round Dufaure. In the Chamber, where it ought to be, this combination would be a tempering element : in the Senate it is not unlikely to be the beginning of another collision between the Houses, such as brought the Republic to death's door in May, 1877. Another illustration of the effect of the Bi-cameral system is being afforded in Italy, where the two Chambers having fallen foul of each other about the Grist Tax, Parliament is to be dissolved ; and, if the Government, which has now a majority in the lower House, wins, the Senate is to be coerced by a swamping creation of Senators. An institution which seems devised for the purpose of throwing