

not to encourage what we notice to be referred to as "butterfly relationships;" and though it favors the relaxation of the present restrictions upon divorce, it favors monogamy as being the highest type of marriage relationship. In these respects, the objects of the League appear to be perfectly rational, and makes it difficult to understand the amusing episode related as to correspondence with Watts & Co. As publishers of the contemplated *Liberty Review*, Messrs. Watts & Co. applied for an advertisement of the publications of the Legitimation League, and in response Mr. Dawson sent an order for three advertisements. Before, however, the *Review* appeared, Messrs. Watts & Co. returned the order and declined to insert the advertisements, as they "did not suit." This episode gives a funny commentary on the title "*Liberty Review*."

"The Dawn of Civilization," by J. C. Spence, a Vice-President of the Legitimation League, is a trenchant attack on present-day affairs, which are compared with those which the author supposes may exist in the twenty-third century. Mr. Spence has something smart and interesting to say on all of the subjects he deals with. In the chapter on marriage he gives us a copy of the first contract of marriage entered on the register of the Marriage Reform League, which is to supersede the old-fashioned ceremony, and we are told that, in the new order, "If a man and woman lived together openly and by common repute as man and wife, the law treated them as such and their children as legitimate, whether there had been any marriage ceremony or not." This is but a rational notion. And the author continues: "Finally, the lawyers discovered that perpetual marriages were contracts of slavery, and therefore invalid in English law. Like other religious vows, such as those of monks and nuns, persons were at liberty to keep or to break them, but the law did not interfere in the matter."

In both of these works the marriage and sex questions are discussed in a rational spirit and in a style that renders them suitable for reading anywhere. The latter work is published by the League at a fraction of its cost for propagandist purposes. (Watts & Co., London.)

Anarchism in Marriage.

"The New and the Old Ideal," by Emile F. Ruedebusch, gives us another phase of the discussion. The author is a Free Lover, and his New Ideal seems to involve total freedom from all restraints of every kind in sexual relationships. In looking at present conditions, however, he wisely says: "I have positively no use in my theory for any State law, but I do not intend to argue the subject in this treatise. As I wish to show how the small minority should act *now*, I will be compelled to reckon with the laws that do exist, however absurd they appear to me;" and he takes for granted the individual rights "claimed by the most radical of Free Lovers," his one solution being "*Freedom!*" This freedom will be attained by a gradual disappearance of the monogamic family relation,