## [COTSWORTH] THE NEED OF A "RATIONAL ALMANAC"

Where is that likelier to be developed than in the inventive minds of enlightened Americans, who have attracted the most energetic youthful people from all nations and creeds to this continent, where monthly payments are most frequent and where cosmopolitan people most need the four-week-month and "Rational Almanae" for perpetual use.

The suggestion that 2 months of 4 weeks followed by the Quarterly month  $e^{\phi}$  5 weeks might meet the case for reform, falls far short of the pro-tocal advantages provided by the 13 months of 4 weeks, and could no' preve acceptable to the great American nations who pay almost entir by by the mente.

Probably no other subject for reform can be so easily accomplished to yield such daily widespread benefits to all nations, because all humanity would thereby personally gain increased convenience and be permanently relieved from almanac uncertainties and inconveniences.

As Mr. Philip very truly writes, "The complications and inconven-"iences which thus arise are incessant, and nothing but custom and an "apparently universal ignorance of the extremely simple way in which "these inconveniences can be obviated could possibly account for the "apparent contentment with which they have been so long accepted."

It would be very difficult to suggest a more desirable subject for international negotiation, or one more worthily tending to strengthen the bonds of peace and international good-will. Possibly the name "Inter-national Almanae" might better facilitate its general adoption.

M. B. Cotsworth.

Box 211, Victoria, B.C.

33