

LAST CHAPTER.

NATIONAL HONOUR.—RESPONSIBILITY OF ELECTORS—COBITE CO-OPERATION.—INDUSTRIAL DIGNITY.—EDUCATION OF SETTLERS.
THE FUTILE TERRORS OF TRANSITION.—THE AUTHOR'S OUT-LOOK.

It is because the "politician" in America works mainly for spoils that the name is in disrepute. The system which gives all offices over to the winning party at an election of the president, attracts venal politicians, and causes the politicians of probity to stand aloof from duty to the State. ARTEMUS WARD said, "I am not a politician, and my other habits air good. I have allus sustained a good moral character. I was never a railway director in my life." In America, as in England, the sense of responsibility for morality in public affairs is increasing among men of culture and wealth. It is coming to be regarded as criminal in them to stand aloof from municipal and national life. Republicans in America relate of one who being neutral, when action for principle was needed, was accused of having gone over to the opposite party; he denied being a Democrat, but admitted that he had the symptoms. In like manner, indifference to the honour of public life is now understood as connivance in its corruption, and they who do nothing personally to purify the State by their own action, may deny their guilt—but they cannot deny that they have all the symptoms of participation in it. The decay of right principle in the mind is quite as obvious in persons as the decay of physical health. The consumption of honour, good faith, and reverence has its signs in speech and action as plainly as the pale face and hectic flush pertaining to consumption of the lungs. The doom of immorality of mind is the same as the doom of disease—death, unless the symptoms are radically checked. Both forms of disease are equally manifest to the eyes of any practised observer. The only difference is that those who die physically are buried; while the morally dead still walk the park or the street, but their decayed souls nevertheless poison the circumbient air.

The principle of inculcating a sense of responsibility of