

Rev. Henry S. Butler, of Blairstown, N. J., "stimulated by the letter of Dr. Seymour in the August number," encloses \$5 for the fund used to send the REVIEW gratuitously or at reduced rates to those whom it may help. Mr. Butler has our thanks; and we feel persuaded that few true-hearted men or women can read that mighty appeal without a similar response. "A Friend" likewise sends another donation, of the same amount.

The assassination of the President of the French republic, and the discovery of a plot to destroy some of the most marked men in Europe, have aroused not only France, but all the continental nations, to resist the alarming encroachments of anarchism. The bill which by a large majority swept both houses of the French Assembly is a bold measure, which the socialistic wing rank as a return to barbarism, as a blow at the freedom of the press, and at liberty generally.

The Paris correspondent of the London *Daily News* says of the new law :

"It is so drastic that a private letter merely reflecting anarchistic views, opened at the post-office, is enough to send the writer to prison for a period of three months or more. Offences under the bill will no longer be under the cognizance of a jury, because with this body there is always the risk of acquittal, but will be brought before the Correctional Tribunal. Persons convicted will serve their terms of imprisonment in solitary confinement, without, however, having the privilege of reduced time, which is given to ordinary prisoners electing to go to a cellular prison.

"Section 2 of the bill enacts that any person who, without becoming amenable to existing legislation against conspiracy, rebellion, etc., has committed an act of anarchistic propaganda shall be liable to a sentence of imprisonment for from three months to two years, and a fine of from 100 to 2000 francs. The term 'anarchistic propaganda' is construed to mean either the advocacy or the approbation after the fact of murder, pillage, arson, or theft, whether uttered publicly or in private. This includes private correspondence and the distribution of anarchist literature, even when

not advocating crime. Persons sentenced to terms of upward of a year's imprisonment may be sentenced, at the discretion of the court, to compulsory residence for life in a penal colony, such as Cayenne. The courts will be empowered, in any anarchist case, to prohibit newspapers from publishing the whole or part of the trial, under penalty of six days' to a month's imprisonment, and a fine of from 1000 to 10,000 francs."

In the United States a bill quickly followed the Carnot assassination, proposing, in the House of Representatives, to make a capital offence of all attempts of anarchists to take the life of any official of the republic or the setting off of any explosive in a building owned by the United States, with a view to maiming or killing.

Such measures show that the general feeling is growing that anarchy must be suppressed; and it is none too soon. Anarchist literature is itself dynamite; so are anarchist speeches inciting to violence. Russia suggests international compacts for the surrender of dynamite workers and political assassins. One of the best remedies suggested is *deportation*—to simply place all such disturbers of society on some island from which there is no escape, and leave them to work out their schemes among a community of like-minded fellows! What a Utopian or Arcadian settlement that would be!

Meanwhile some one has been curious to seek out the source of this modern theory of society. Anarchism is traced to the Russian Bakounin, whose principles were, in brief, "*Do what you wish*," and "*Everything is everybody's*." Negatively he was a Nihilist: "Down with all authority and all frontiers: away with the State, capital and capitalists!"

Elisée Reclus, in 1876, gave these notions a systematic form—a body of doctrine and a programme. Krapotkin, in 1878, edited the first anarchist journal. Riot and revolution were the earlier method; but assassination was tried upon Alfonso XII., of Spain, in 1880, and, later, bombs began to be pre-