

hausted. The McKinley Bill was not directed against Canada: it was an attempt to give the American farmer an apparent interest in protection, and it is a proof of consciousness on the part of its framers that the farmer, slow as is his intelligence and fast-set as he is in his party lines, begins to see through the fraud which has long been practised on him, and to suspect that he is paying for the manufacturer's gains. Among the leading manufacturers themselves, some, we are assured, are becoming aware that the system cannot last, and will subscribe to the bribery fund no more. Mr. Dawes, the Massachusetts Senator, declares for free iron and coal. New England, her monopoly having been fatally infringed by other States, both West and South, whose competition the monopolist likes just as little as that of the foreigner, is now herself coming to reason, and it would not be surprising to see her before long pass over openly to the side of Free Trade. Under the heading "light from Kansas," American journals are reproducing a remarkable editorial from the *Champion*, a leading journal of Kansas, which is the banner Republican State. The *Champion* formally avows its conversion to Tariff Reform and its renunciation of Protection, which it has hitherto supported, but which it finds to be a fraud, enriching the East only by impoverishing the West. Wherever you turn in the United States you find signs of a movement of opinion. Cleveland, it should be remembered, though he missed the Presidency, had a popular majority over Harrison, and it was only bad tactics on his part, combined with a lavish use of money in corruption by the monopolists, that prevented his re-election. Yes, the clouds are breaking: the night of monopoly is far spent; the day of liberation is at hand. It is the day of liberation for industry as well as for commerce; for how without the free disposal of the products of industry can industry itself be free? We repeat that the McKinley Bill is a measure of internal policy, not of hostility to Canada, while Mr. Hitt's Resolution pointing to Commercial Union, though its progress has been blocked by other business, is so far from