

this argument seems altogether defective. Leaving out of the reckoning the fact that passions and circumstances that have no connection with the supposed object must always largely determine sexual companionships, the fact remains that the mass of the people, upon whose conduct ultimately the improvement or the degeneracy of the race must depend, are probably the least likely to be actuated by ideal motives, and certainly possess the smallest share of the intelligence needed to carry out the methods essential if an improvement is to be attained. In Utopia, of course, things will be different. All men and women will be intelligent, and well educated, and law-abiding—but there will be no laws, of course, for each man will be a law unto himself. But in this eon men do not appear to have been able hitherto to do without some restrictions in the marital relations of the sexes; and though we think some changes in the laws are urgently needed, we do not imagine that such freedom as Messrs. Walker and Ruedebusch advocate will ever be looked upon as anything but dangerous to morality and of no advantage to the race.

"The Adult" is a new monthly journal, published at the office of the Legitimation League, 16 John Street, Bedford Row, London (price 2d.) Its editor (George Bedborough) introduces it in this editorial note:

"*The Adult* is a protest against the theory that a man and a woman need the intervention of a lawyer or a priest in determining the conditions on which they may unite, temporarily or permanently. This protest, however, is but the beginning of our aims—a crusade against slavery is a preliminary to the constitution of a free community. Without freedom, nothing valuable, nothing noble, is attainable. But freedom is, after all, only the great potentiality. *The Adult* is open for the frank discussion of how this potentiality may be applied. The disbelief in liberty, and the rigid tabooing of free discussion, on the subject of the relation of the sexes, react on one another, and the current ignorance of sexual science is partly the cause and partly the effect, of the present-day survival of slavery, as seen in our marriage habits and ideals. The education of public opinion is infinitely more necessary than tinkering with the law. The displacement of an old theory by a newly-learned fact is immediately, as well as permanently, profitable. *The Adult* lives to learn as well as to teach. It takes nothing for granted except freedom."

In this journal, Free Love and "butterfly" relationships are advocated, and some of its pages show the same coarseness as we noticed in many of Mr. Ruedebusch's chapters. We see no necessity for this, and if we were not opposed to all press censorship, we should say that this sort of literature would be the most suitable subject for it we can imagine.