

The Menace of Socialism. By W. Lawler Wilson. Philadelphia: George W. Jacobs & Co. \$2.

This book is primarily intended for English consumption, since most of its data are drawn from English sources and its conclusions apply to English conditions. Socialism, it appears (p. 33), "is not only a symptom, but a form of disease; an outbreak of social insanity." The author admits the many defects in social conditions at present, and, indeed, makes a somewhat formidable catalog of them. "So inhuman and repellant, indeed," he says, "are the conditions under which our proletarians live that there is great danger of a lapse into Socialist housing principles to provide a remedy." The remedy, however, is not Socialism, but state action. He essays somewhat painfully to discriminate between the two, and he formulates a new code of anti-Socialist economics. He concludes with a summary of what he calls the alternative policy, which is warranted to defeat and crush Socialism forever:

"Unite the empire, develop its resources, strengthen the national Government, defend and extend private property, establish a race of freeholders, control public expenditure, improve communications, regulate commerce, protect capital and labor, forbid strikes and lockouts, encourage invention, save agriculture, educate and sanitize, throw open the professions, redeem the proletariat."