many cases the synergism in its productive power has been fully 50 per cent., and hence it is going on at a very rapid rate. This is certainly alarming. But what is true of the state is true of many of our leading industries. President Adams of Cornell, says: In New York the crop of wheat went down in twenty years from 42 bushels per acre to 10.3 bushels per acre; of corn from 283 to 28. Going to the South we find that in N. Carolina during the last ten years—there were no figures during the war—the crop of wheat has declined from 42 bushels to 5.4 to a bushel, and the corn crop from 8.7 to 9.5 bushels. In Georgia wheat fell from 7.3 to 5.1; corn from 11.1 to 9.7; oats from 16.8 to 15.5; and potatoes from 15.5; oats from 14.5 to 11.5. In Texas wheat fell from 12.5 to 8.5; corn from 10.5 to 13.5; oats from 27.2 to 23.8. Coming back to north and west, in Massachusetts we find that the product of wheats was reduced from 9.8 to 7.7 bushels per acre; corn from 28.5 to 24; oats from 34.2 to 16.3. In Indiana wheat from 14.3 to 10.4. In Illinois wheat went down from 14.3 to 9.8 bushels per acre.

And so on, and so on—a great and unmistakable reduction per acre; and it is the most trifling with an important topic to try and dodge the proper conclusion by urging that the deficit can be made up by extravagances.

Then the paper takes a turn which should delight the supporters of the Arts and Crafts Society. The boys who, half-ballasted, enter factories and shops picking up a trade a year or two before they are old enough to give a sensible account of themselves, and particularly procured as to carpenters and joiners, pattern-makers, moulders, blacksmiths, and machinists, and it was reported:

"The workmen of a very ten or twenty a carpenter's shop with the intention of earning the trade, 4 abandoned the business of pattern-makers; 2 of ten blacksmiths, 6; of ten moulders, 6; of ten machinists, 6. Of those who entered the business and became the profession journeyman, but not first-class workmen; of ten pattern-makers but 2; of ten blacksmiths but 4; of ten moulders, 3. And in form of a table the result is as follows, which shows the number of boys who enter each trade mentioned who become first class workmen; Carpenters, 18; pattern-makers, 10; moulders, 16; blacksmiths, 12; machinists, 14. Being an average of fifteen to each hundred.

We see by facts as these the pretty pass to which our hundred-year-old competitive factors-manufacture agriculture don't-pay system of society has brought us. As a vergil for, for the experience of America is also the experience of England. The constantly increasing employment of automatic machinery, doing skilled work by the aid of unskilled labour; the loss of hands, and particularly procured as to carpenters and joiners, pattern-makers, moulders, blacksmiths, and machinists, and it was reported:

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As a final note of defiance I fling that one passage in the teeth of the abstraction to whom I referred at the opening of this notice, and claim that that one sentence is warrant and proof that good Socialist doctrine can be found in most unquenchable quancers who preach how to dig for it.

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[Note.—If any readers of above can forward any other years' reports of the Commonweal, or a copy of the 30th vol. 18. Compendium of some special labour bureau report, the Editor will be probable to make use of it.]

A DEATH SONG.

(Original to be sung at the funeral of Linnell, first victim of Bloody Sunday; reprinted by request.)

What cometh here from west to east a-wending? And are these, the marchers sternly arrayed? We bear the message that the rich are sending Back to those who bade them wake and know.

No, we shall not speak the secret word: We come back speechless, bearing back our dead. Not one, etc.

Here lies the sign that we shall break our prison; They bade us hide our leisure for their bread, We come back speechless, bearing back our dead. Not one, etc.

BRUNSWICK.

REVOLUTIONARY SONGS.

WILLIAM MORRIS

LITERARY NOTrEES.

Great Thoughts (1d., 133, Fleet Street) is of the Tit-Bits order, but of a higher species than that most successful catch-catcher. In the current number is a portrait and criticism of comrade Morris; the portrait none too like him, but he is a clever little chap, and his face is passable of their kind, and are "better than nothing" as the saying goes.

The Bridgton Single-Tax Review (4d. weekly) seems to be entering a new period under some as yet some unknown editor, for the Scottish Land Restoration League. It has 16 pp., mostly filled with advertisements, and so much reading matter as it gives is passably written and to the point.

The Illustrated Weekly News (1d., 297, Strand), of which we have just received the ninth number, is apparently an attempt at reconciling labour politics with ordinary newspaper methods. With the exception of Mr. Morrison Davison, the labour exponents have not yet been of the most hopeful kind, but all the same we shall watch with much interest the result of the experiment.

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