

SOCIAL REFORM.

Mr. Alfred B. Wallace, the distinguished scientific writer and thinker, is much concerned because, as he thinks, modern society is being chiefly recruited from the ranks of its less worthy members, and suggests as a remedy an economically reformed society something like Edward Bellamy's dream of social regeneration.

Prof. W. J. Youmans, the talented editor of the popular Science Monthly, discusses the subject from a far more practical standpoint, in his opinion, than does the learned English scientist. Mr. Youmans, says:

A correspondent in this week's paper calls attention to a threatened danger to the future prosperity of fruit culture in this country. The point raised is evidently of some importance, at least nursery-men would do well to give the subject some thought and attention.

The Japanese are a highly imitative and rather progressive race. More than any other Mongolian people they are learning to assimilate the spirit of modern civilization. Not only the religious, philosophical and scientific ideas of the western world are getting a solid foothold in the Mikado's empire, but western political ideas are also being established among the people.

To THE EDITOR—It is thought by many persons that the soil and climate of Western Oregon are not surpassed by any other locality for horticultural purposes, and especially for fruits adapted to a northern climate.

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