Milwaukee Reincarnations of Marx

THE *Milwaukee Leader* has made an attempt to meet the challenge in our issue of January 1st, in the following fashion:

THE SAME MARX.

Under the caption, "Where Is the Marx of Yesteryear?" the NEW REVIEW writes:

"In a recent issue the *Milwaukee Leader*, arguing against the internationalists, says:

" 'They don't want Socialism according to Marx. He indorsed national defense; a national militia; universal military education; Socialist partisanship in international problems for definite national governments offering the best outlook for working class growth; voting for the least objectionable old party candidate when Socialists were out of the running; centralization of power in the hands of the party executive, and affiliation of Socialists with the most representative labor unions for the purpose of supporting their most advanced members.'

"If the leader has any self-respect or any respect for the Socialist movement, it will prove these assertions by citing book and chapter.—*F.*"

The *Leader* has already cited "book and chapter," and, if necessary, can cite plenty more. It is a pity that some so-called "internationalists" don't learn first what Marx really stood for, before they undertake to teach others the principles of Marxism. NEW REVIEW please copy.—*Editor.*

This is, indeed, a conclusive answer, utterly shattering—to the *Leader*. Of course, we haven't "learned first what Marx really stood for;" it has been our misfortune to depend upon Marx himself for our knowledge of Marx, and not upon the *Leader*, Victor Berger's Brisbanesque editorials, or Ernest Untermann's pabulum for Socialist infants in the form of his book on *Marxian Economics*. But after all, we may be wrong; Marx may not have understood his own ideas; and the Socialist cardinals of Milwaukee may be right in their interpretation of Marx,—as right as the old Cardinals of the Church who created a Jesus of their own to further their political ambitions. But still—we are interested in that citation of book and chapter. Won't the *Leader* oblige its erring brethren?—*F*.