THE SOUTHERN MILLS INTEREST, AND CHILD LABOR.

IS NEW ENGLAND FOR IT, OR AGAINST IT?

The following are quotations from letters and printed matter with which I did not wish to burden my letter, but which are confirmatory of the statements made therein. I have added such explanatory notes as seem necessary.

A number of the extracts are from an article by D. A. J. McKelway which appeared in The Woman's Home Companion for October 1906. I do not quote however from the article as printed, but from the manuscript, which contains names and other details omitted in the magazine. The manuscript is dated July 31, 1906, and thus has the value of a contemporaneous narrative by an eye witness of events in which he participated. Dr. McKelway is a resident of Atlanta, and has for many years been identified with the child labor movement in the South. Since the spring of 1905 he has acted as the Southern Agent of the National Committee on Child Labor,—an organization of which Felix Adler is the President, Grover Cleveland and President Eliot of Harvard University among the Vice-Presidents, and whose Executive Committee is made up of the ablest social workers in New York City.

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