

**OUR BOARDING HOUSE**

Reflections on Current Events by the Boarders.

"The editor of Secular Thought," said Phil, "in commenting on the death of Cardinal Manning has this to say about him: 'The dead Cardinal is talked about as having been a friend of the poor. Let us hope the poor will soon cease to look to any priest, however benevolent his intentions may seem to be, as anything but their natural enemy.' Now, why should we regard a benevolent priest as our natural enemy any more than a benevolent secularist? Does Mr. Ellis wish to convey the idea that secularists as a body have done more for the emancipation of labor than the clergy, or would he have us believe that Christianity and full and even-handed justice as between man and man is incompatible? It seems to me that if he set out to prove either one or the other he would have a greater contract on hand than he could fill. We judge men by their actions and not by the eloquent sentences or well-rounded periods of their after-dinner speeches, and judging them this way we find that Cardinal Manning has ever been the true and staunch friend of labor, despite the fact that he was a priest, and a Roman Catholic one at that. He was not content with preaching the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, or with advising his flock to bear poverty and want with patience and humility in order to secure riches in heaven, neither did he prostitute his position by wholesale denunciations of those who differed with him on theological questions, but applied his great intellect and power to secure to the disinherited of God's children here on earth a greater share of the wealth they create, without stopping to inquire whether such a course would offend the wealthy members of his flock or not. To his efforts, more than that of perhaps any other man, is due the organization of the female workers of London; he saw the need of labor organizations and did his best to have the workers organized. This fact proves him the true and sincere friend of workingmen."

"We respect and admire priests like Cardinal Manning just as we respect and admire atheists like Charles Bradlaugh," said Brown, "not for what they have said or written but for what they have done. The secularists of Canada and the United States have nowhere and at no time ever championed the cause of labor, and their societies have religiously refrained from any action which could be construed as favoring labor reform; they are truckling to capital as much, and perhaps a little more, than the clergy, and therefore this advice of their Canadian mouth-piece, to regard every benevolent priest as a natural enemy, comes with a very bad grace. That there are some secularists who take an active part in labor reform is true, but the same can truthfully be said of the clergy of all denominations; their number, however, is not sufficiently large to warrant either the one or other side to lay claim to the friendship or goodwill of labor, for, with a few honorable exceptions, both sides are willing and abject slaves of capital."

"I am heartily sick and disgusted with both of them," said Gaskell. "On the one hand you have the Pope issuing an encyclical on the labor question. I have read the published translation of that document from one end to the other time and again, and I have failed to find a single line in which he takes issue with capital. It is one of those goody-goody epistles which, without doing any good, will not be productive of great harm to anybody. Its great aim seems to be to give the clergy control of the labor movement rather than to advance the interests of labor reform; it bears the stamp of insincerity and will never help the solving of the labor question. On the other hand you

see Bob Ingersoll last week at the dinner of the Unitarian Club of New York delivering one of his characteristic speeches. It is chuck full of good things, as most of his speeches are; it contains perhaps more true Christianity to the square inch than any literary effort that has ever been published in defence of Christianity, but at the back of all of it is the fact that the man who so eloquently enlarges in an after-dinner speech upon the wrongs of labor persistently works with might and main to perpetuate those very institutions which grind labor down. In the many and fierce struggles for political supremacy inaugurated during these last few years by the labor party, whenever he has taken part, Bob Ingersoll was always found on the side of capital. And this proves him to be as insincere as the other side. 'If faith without works is dead,' then words without works is equally so."

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