

ferring them to the State. Let them tell us at the same time what their "State" is, how it would differ from a government more despotic than any government has ever been.

In the employers, organizers, and directors of labour in its various spheres, including communication by land and sea, the world has a skilled staff on a vast scale. When all the instruments of production are transferred, simultaneously, it would seem, to the socialist organization, how would that staff be replaced?

Competition, of which the ardent Communist hopes to get rid, has no doubt its harsh aspect, and we should be glad to change it for universal coöperation. But it has been hitherto and so far as we can see is likely to remain the indispensable spur. After all, there is more of co-operation already than we commonly suppose. Let the Communist take any manufactured article and trace out, as far as thought will go, the industries which, in various ways, and in different parts of the world, have contributed to its production, including the making of machinery, ship-building, and all the employments and branches of trade ancillary to these; let him