

work, which was then running through *The Worker's* columns :—

In *Looking Backward* he [Bellamy] preaches to the whole world the truth which reached him through others ; and those who do not quite understand the political aims recommended by the General Council [that is of the A.L.F.], which have been the political aims of all progressive Labour men since the Chartist time and before, cannot do better than read *Looking Backward* through, and see their aims realised in Bellamy's convert-making book.

Further on he added, by way of reducing his political ideals to a sharply concentrated principle, and in language too simple to admit of the possibility of misconstruction :—

The effect of the nationalisation of the means of production and distribution, and of the conduct by the State authority of all production and all exchange, would simply be to enable us to produce for use instead of for profit.

It is therefore impossible, in the face of these extracts from contemporaneous written history, and from documents signed, issued, and published by the founders of the Labour movement, now to deny that it was conceived in the spirit of that Socialism whose intent is to capture political government and to enact as law the political and economic theories of Marx and Bellamy. Lane, though in a manner a perverted genius, was anything and everything but a hypocrite : he hated hypocrisy. The wreck of his life and fortunes in the wilds of Paraguay was the direct result of his refusal to palter with that thing which was to him the only really "unclean beast." His soul beamed clear as a star, whatever may have been the nature of the medium through which it shone. He