

account. If acted upon—if this principle governed—man would present himself as the noble and generous being he ought to be, and will yet be, when our present vicious civilization is swept away, and a new and nobler civilization is instituted instead.

When God made this planet, light, air, land and water, these elements were essentially requisite for the subsistence of man. He made a superabundance of all these elements for every creature that He formed or fashioned to dwell upon it. We are sometimes told that some parts of the earth are over populated, and that some Islands of the sea contains a surplus population. It is a barefaced lie. There never yet was, nor is it likely there ever will be, any portion of this beautiful and fruitful planet that contained half the populations such portions could sustain in plenty. That is, if things were ordered right.

Our Malthusian philosophers, if we dignify them by such a name, erred, either ignorantly or knowingly; if ignorantly, we will pass them by; if knowingly, then we say, that they impiously maligned God, and said to Him, in effect, that He had botched His work; for if otherwise, He never would have brought creatures upon this earth that would have multiplied to such a degree; that their members would outgrow the means of subsistence that this earth could give. To say such a thing is blasphemous, for it means that nature or nature's God had disproportioned the works of nature. Such a thing never was, or ever can be. Let us then hear no more about this vile and vulgar Malthusian doctrine.

Well then, when God made this beautiful planet, and that there was a superabundance of every element of material subsistence for the maintenance and happiness of all living creatures that were to live upon it, whence comes it that poverty, misery, wretchedness, famine and crime, are in such appalling proportions in the world? Yes, whence comes it?

In order to understand correctly the labour problem, and account for the miserable state of things that obtains under our so-called modern civilization, we must go back to the ages of conquest, when society was based upon

“The good old plan  
For him to keep who's got the power,  
And him to get who can.”

The civilization then in the ascendant, was founded upon the barbarous and robber dogma, that

“Might makes right.”

The age of conquest has left its impress upon the present age, and it is because our present civilization comes down to us weighted with much