

tread, to the humblest municipal body in the land, and men of corrupt morals and evil manners are placed in high positions where they greedily search their prey afar, as vultures from their native crags. Again there are days when tradesmen, enlightened by the same lamp of learning, are beginning to make their influence felt in the land for good or evil, and at the voice of one man whole railway systems are locked up, trade is suspended, buildings are burned, trains derailed, workmen stoned, until the shock goes through the land like some mighty earthquake, and and all society is shaken to its centre ; then the troops are called out, and comes the sound of battle and carnage ; and might triumphs for a time, when the discomfitted workmen gloomily return once more to their unending and often poorly paid tasks, to nurse their wrath and prepare for the battle anew, while capital, often abused and misrepresented, seeks to entrench herself by calling in the aid of legislatures to make laws to repress the irrepressible volcano on which she is standing. And thus the battle between capital and labour goes on, easily becoming hotter and more deadly as the mind of the workingman is opened by education to see the possibilities spread out before him.

Again these are days of discovery and invention. If the inventions of the past fifty years were wiped out of existence at one fell stroke, the whole world might well go a-mourning, for nearly everything that is the fruit of inventive skill, and now useful to man, would be destroyed ; but the inventions of the past fifty years are but the child of the giant that is to grow up during the next half-century, putting bit and bridle into the mouth of the tornado and hurricane, and making them do man's bidding ; setting air and water and electricity at work, cooking our food and warming our houses ; developing the powers of our soil so that two blades of grass will appear where one now grows ; signalling the inhabitants, perhaps, of some far off planet, and passing the time of day or interchanging ideas concerning politics and education, until that time spoken of in prophecy is ushered in, when the kingdom and the dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom in the whole earth, shall be under the control of the mighty mind of man.

These are days when science is making her almost omnipotent arm felt in every walk of life, and men begin to see the plague and the pestilence chained or stalking back to