

TIME SERVERS.

Among the many plagues which have infested the labor movement none have proved a greater curse, or contributed more to retard its progress, than the professed friendship of the leech, or time-server. This class has been as voracious as the locusts of Egypt, and as numerous as her myriads of flies. For the time being, at least, many of them have gained their unhallowed purpose, and hoodwinked their dupes through its agency, while others, soured by disappointed ambition, have used what little influence their treachery obtained, to sow the seeds of dissension in its ranks, and misrepresent alike the objects sought to be obtained, and the agency used to attain them.

Some have had an axe to grind, when the labor grindstone refused to do their dirty work; some have desired to ride into power, or be acknowledged as leaders in its ranks, or thought the movement was a little stronger than it proved to be; others claimed to have found the philosopher's stone, the panacea that would remove all ills to which the flesh is heir, or dreamed they could revolutionize the relation between capital and labor by the utterance of some grand idea, which was second-hand at best, and had been advocated fifty years before they were thought of. But classify them as we may, not one in a hundred have been actuated by principle, or embarked in it for a nobler purpose than the advancement of their own selfish interest.

In the advocacy of the labor movement especially, persistency, consistency, back-bone is required. The man who is willing to be all things to all men; who is anxious to catch the popular breeze, no matter at what cost, who squirms at every change or charge of popular opinion; who has not the courage to assume a position which he deems to be right, and maintain it at all hazards and under all circumstances; and who is not actuated by principle, has no right in its ranks. Untiring, unflinching effort, a never-dying faith in the ultimate triumph of the right, is absolutely indispensable, even though ten thousand enemies should be made by its advocacy. The future must be left to take care of itself. We have no faith in those who are always placed on the defensive, who are continually trying to prove that they are misrepresented; who are always discouraged at the aspect of affairs; who are invariably deploring the apathy of the working classes; who never see the silver lining to the cloud; who are afraid of saying or doing something that will place them in a false position; who, in short, lack the moral courage to say YES or NO. They are simply millstones round the neck of labor, and the sooner they avow themselves in their true color the better for all concerned.

To the man, however, who is honest and earnest in his endeavors, who is willing to sacrifice his personal ambition or petty dislikes, for labor's progress, the signs of the times are indeed propitious. The rays of the sun of progress are penetrating to the darkest horizon; men who ten years ago would have scouted the whole movement, or at least disdained to have discussed its merits, are to-day seriously considering the means by which the impending conflict may be averted. Legislators, who would then have ridiculed the presumption of an appeal to the law-making power, are now compelled to lend a willing ear to its demands, and beginning to realize that they are the servants and not the masters of the people, while the public press, the molders of public opinion, too long silent, is waking to a realization of its mission, and now admits that labor has rights which even capital is bound to respect.

And all has been accomplished in a few short years, in the face of the most disheartening opposition. Labor to-day needs only to be true to itself, and victory is assured.—*Workingman's Advocate*

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J. C. AIKINS, Secretary of State.

Ottawa, 3rd March, 1873.

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Monday, 14th day of April, 1873.

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