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the *production of wealth*, but also its *distribution* and its *consumption*. Until this comes about society will continue to grope in the dark, and there will be not only unrest, but the possibility of worse things.

It is a most hopeful sign that the more serious sections of the working classes are striving after a real knowledge of economic laws and their working.

I would take this opportunity to thank Mr W. J. Davis, President of the Trade Union Congress, for his ready permission to print the speeches of the French and German Delegates at the Manchester meeting. These speeches speak for themselves. May the time never come when English working men as a body shall accept the opinion that the advancement of their interests depends on a warfare between wage-earners on the one hand and the employing-class and the State on the other! The acceptance of such teaching can only lead to one result—disaster.

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