

cornered fight, in the three divisions of Lanarkshire, the liberals won in each case. We are told, every now and again, that socialism is winning all along the line. Well, the British elections tell another tale. No pronounced militant socialist has been elected to the present parliament. Grayson, the revolutionist, and men like him, have been left at home. And labor, too, has lost in a way. Its success in 1906 up till 1909 made it a little too bumptious. Its leaders predicted that the force of labor members would be largely augmented, at the next, (the past) election. Instead it is fewer in numbers, and it is minus, at least, a couple of its most reliable men. Wm. Crooks failed to secure the necessary number of votes, and Bell, rather than swallow the socialist programme, resigned. Mr. Bell had done a great deal for the railway men, but all the benefits he had secured were forgotten, when he dared to assert his opinions. He was the right sort of a leader; he was conscientious, and rather than sacrifice his principles, at the demand of the noisy element in the ranks, he resigned. His resignation from the society of railway men was accomplished in a back handed way. A resolution was passed declaring that the head of the society had too much to attend to to sit in parliament. Here is an instance of the consistency of labor. It clamors for representation, and then when a labor man has been successful in obtaining the title M. P., it knocks him on the head, the first opportunity.

Blatchfords perversion was nearly, not quite, as rapid as some of those of the Herald. Last December the Herald was all for labor; by the middle of January it was all for the Lords. Last August Blatchford was death on the Lords, about the time of the Herald's perversion Blatchford perverted too and clinked glasses with their lordships. Here's what Blatchford said last August: "These same noblemen who have been fulminating patriotism, who have been demanding universal military service, and fleets of battleships, are now convulsed with rage over the prospect of a land tax of one halfpenny on the pound. Mind you it was Blatchford who said this; Blatchford the greatly beloved of Socialists, the same Blatchford, who in January urged conscription, a bigger navy and all sorts of military devices. In August he was a ranting socialist; six months later a raving jingoist. Further, last August, this same Mr. Blatchford said: "A few thousands of rich men own Britain. These same men want conscripts and Dreadnoughts for the defence of the country they own. But when it comes to paying they refuse to pay out of their abundance, and propose as an alternative, a tax upon commodities used largely by the poor. If the government yield an inch they deserve to be kicked out." Mr. Blatchford has therein decreed the punishment that should be meted out to him. If the government yielded they deserved to be kicked; well, they didn't, but Blatchford did. Blatchford then deserves to be kicked, that is his own judgement, and all the people shout, 'it is just, kick him.'

It goes very much against the grain of the Montreal Star to admit that the liberals made any gains in the late elections in Scotland. It tells us that the unionists made five gains and the lib-

erals four, leading people to infer that the liberals are now worse off than at the elections in 1906. The opposite is the case. In 1906 there were fifty nine liberals and thirteen unionists returned. Allowing that the two Scottish universities go unionist, and also the Orkneys, that will give eleven unionists and sixty-one liberals as against thirteen and fifty-nine in 1906. That does not look like much of a gain for the unionists. Then again the Star makes the gain of liberal votes only two thousand odd whereas it is more than twice that, and if we add the labor vote in three cornered constituencies, the liberal gain is well over ten thousand. Scotland is the gem in the liberal crown, and is the only division of the Kingdom which showed that it could not be drawn away from common sense by Blatchford or other bogies. In the great industrial districts like Partick, Govan, etc., the progressive party made wonderful gains, and went behind in little laird ridden districts such as Kircudbrightshire, Buteshire, and East Perth. Had it not been for a three cornered fight Glasgow would have now had six liberals. The unionists thought to gain twelve seats in Scotland, did they; that shows they don't know Scotland.

Russell, in one of his songs, so popular a long time ago, holds out the certainty that "theres a good time coming boys". If we are to believe that wizard Edison the time is approaching fast. And in view of the remarkable advances in all the sciences during the past quarter of a century, why should we not believe him. Here are some of Edison's views:

"Mr. T. A. Edison, (says the New York correspondent of the 'Daily Telegraph') has been expressing oracular views, reminiscent of Mother Shipton, and predicting that within two hundred years the world will witness wonders surpassing all imagination, when man, who will by means of science have learnt how to extract all the power he needs for the purposes of life from the earth, wind, and tide, and when living will be so cheap that an ordinary labourer will live just as well as a man of the present day with £40,000 annual income. Mr. Edison believes not only in the wonderful resources of radium, but even that steam volcanoes will be exploited for the uses of civilization. So far, he declares, we have only been groping in the dark, and this despite the many learned statements of many learned scientists. "How ignorant we are! We don't know what gravity is, neither do we know the nature of heat, light, and electricity, though we handle them a little. We are only animals. We are just coming out of the dog stage, and getting a glimpse of our environment. We don't know; we just suspect a few things, and it will take an enormous evolution of our brains to bring us anywhere. Our practice of shooting one another in war is a proof that we are still animals. The make-up of our society is hideous." Incidentally Mr. Edison declared that the clothes of the future will be so cheap that every young woman will be able to follow the fashions promptly. "Artificial silk that is superior to natural silk is now made of wood pulp. It shines better than silk, and I think that the silk worm barbarism will go in 50 years, just as the indigo of India went with the production of indigo in modern laboratories."