

such a position shall be avoided, but by what means, and with how short a period of chaos, destruction and class-feeling.

It comes, then, to this : in the few years immediately before us, either the new conditions, "so different in every respect," must have been abolished or modified, or our present mode of life out of doors must have been abandoned or modified. Which is most probable? What is most desirable? Let us take first the new element—the motor-car and its concomitant facts. These are exemplified with sufficient clearness by our two cases. Entirely well-meaning persons in fast and irresistibly heavy cars traverse the country in great numbers; their machines are, it is true, more obedient to control than horsed carriages, but they are more in need of control, from their infinitely greater speed and momentum. How seldom is it as much as fifteen feet from a motor's position at any moment to the edge of the road or to the place on the road occupied by another passenger; yet even at the statutory pace of twenty miles an hour those fifteen feet would be crossed in a swerve of half a second's duration. The motor which killed the bicyclist at Banstead missed his companion by eighteen inches; that is to say, by one-twentieth of a second. So swiftly did death swoop that the ten or more witnesses cannot agree as to the position of the two bicyclists at the moment, or even be sure whether they were riding or dismounted. In the other case the Herefordshire farmer, who was also on his own side of the road, was accused of unskilfully handling his pony in endeavouring to get it to pass the motor-car. It is natural that both horses and human beings should at times be startled out of control.

Are these then such facts as can be abolished or modified? Abolished, no; for they all result from speed, and speed is the mainspring of the whole movement. Nor can they be very greatly modified. Men and horses will no doubt adapt themselves to a certain extent: we shall become more accustomed to judge distance at high speed, whether we are ourselves the hawk or the quarry. But while the powers of machinery are