

the world over to keep their eyes open to intrigue, and to prevent their great parliamentary institutions from being converted into a battle-ground between self-seeking politicians and weak political parties.

It may be noticed (and objected) that undue prominence has been given to the Socialistic upheaval in the State of Queensland under Lane. But it will be found to be historically correct that in Queensland under Lane the movement had its origin. Other States and other leaders sprang into the political arena almost simultaneously. The movement may be viewed from other States as well, but the course and development is still substantially identical with that traced in these pages. It may be hoped that this work will encourage students in each of the other States to investigate the question from other stand-points that may be peculiar to the several States. There is an undeveloped mine of socio-political literature and propaganda work lying buried, and being covered deeper each year, in the history of the struggles of Socialism in Australia between the years 1888-1894. The Socialists of to-day would, if they could, put the tombstone of oblivion over it. Let me hope that it will all be unearthed, put in order, classified, and analysed, in order to point out and emphasise both the moral and the warning for future Australians.

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