

those very methods by which the intellectual aristocrat of liberal dreams must climb to power. For though such men make excellent recruits, they are very sorry officers. It would, of course, be perfectly permissible to treat this view as mere speculation if, unluckily, America and France, where the desired facilities have been completely supplied, were not there to show us what an uncommonly poor thing an aristocracy of intellect, selected as it must be by democratic methods, really is. Still we may say of it, if we will, as Rousseau said of Democracy itself, that it is a government made for gods, and that "*un gouvernement si parfait ne convient pas aux hommes.*"

But, indeed, it is not merely by the supporter of the old order that Mr. Morley's constitution is assailed. A creed, which at its best is only a revival and at its worst a misapprehension, is already dealing cumbrous blows at the Liberal structure from many different points of attack. Socialism, compounded as it is of principles that were perfectly understood by our forebears and of a crude misunderstanding of the Sermon on the Mount, is not an easy doctrine to touch upon. In so far as it is the outcome of the gospel of social solidarity which Carlyle preached with so much force in "Past and Present" and Froude described with so much grace in the first chapter of his history, it represents a perfectly sane rebellion against the mechanical system which Mill has unfortunately stereotyped. Political economy, if it is justly called a science at all, is only so as part of the science of sociology. Also it is an art as well as a science. Economic men like Mr. Gradgrind and Mr. Bounderby are not merely bad men, but pernicious citizens. The State can with advantage control the conditions of work and direct the activities of the workers. Economics is merely a department of the national administration, and it is possible to pay too heavy a price for the increase of wealth. All this, however, is what Mr. Morley and those who think with him will by no means allow. Yet the opposition which Liberals—quite consistently—offer to the State regulation of