

working class blinds them [to actualities. So parks, trams, drivers of municipal dust-carts at two pounds seventeen a week, empty steamboats, on which the season's loss is not to be more than £9200 (this when there need be no loss at all, is of course inconsiderable), all these things, with free education in the present, and probably free boots and breakfasts in the future for the children of the poor, are ground not only from the rich man but from the poor clerk or parson. Where shall these find justice? As things are now, from Conservatism only.

This summary is of course superficial; but what I wish to show is, that a large part of the Conservative position in all these controversies was the love of fairness. I entreat Conservatives to remember this ideal of justice, and to go with heads high into the coming fight. They will then perhaps succeed in postponing *sine die* the time when money is to be unfairly exacted and wildly squandered in pursuit of ideals which cannot so be attained, and when all rights will be ignored that conflict with some distant good. They must not leave high aspiration to the dreamers of dreams. To get a wide view we always have to climb a hill. Conservatives, to find a broad and wise policy, must rise above the low point of view, from which wealth is mistaken for worth, and the true patriotism, which would rather have England right than victorious, for treachery. That materialism is the defect of their great quality of common sense is no excuse. If they remember this, and at the coming General Election lay confident claim to the two political master-ideals of prudence and justice, I feel convinced that the country will place its fate once more in their hands.

English Liberals have a favourite text, which they boast of as a summary of their political creed. It is, "*A liberal man deviseth liberal things,*" and I should be the last to deny their claim to it. But there is another saying, one of Pascal's, which seems to me to be almost equally representative of their method, though they lay no claim to it at all. It is, "*Certainement l'homme ignore la justice.*"

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