

between gladiators and slaves, the result of which was that 5,000 men were killed.

This was the state of society when Christ came. There has been an immeasurable advance since then, although many heathen elements still remain; but whatever advance has taken place, is entirely due to the teaching of Jesus Christ. Those of you who, like myself, diligently read *The Spectator*, will be very much struck by the way in which that great organ of public opinion is always complaining that the old hardness which once distinguished the English nature is passing away. Mr. Froude also thinks we are ceasing to be Englishmen. Now, these keen observers are quite right; for certain elements of ruffianism which used to be found in John Bull are disappearing. The influence of Jesus Christ is spreading. The leaven of Christianity is working in the House of Commons, and a distinguished member of Parliament assures us that we ought to have more sympathy with the people. It has gone as far as that, and that means a good deal. If you will just cast your eye back over the characters of modern English history you will find that the party of sympathy is the triumphant party.

All the great achievements of the most distinguished and powerful statesmen of this country, have been due to the appeal they have made to the sympathy of the masses of the people. How did the late Lord Shaftesbury overcome the opposition which was offered to his beneficent proposals, but by appealing to the sympathy of the English people? Women and children were obliged to live like animals until the Factory Acts delivered them. How did John Bright acquire his immense influence in this country when he was the Tribune of the English people, except by his deep sympathy with the poor? What was it that moved this country in a way that has completely revolutionized our foreign politics, except our sympathy with victims of Turkish atrocities in Bulgaria?

Nobody who keeps his eyes open and honestly faces the fact can be ignorant of this—that Socialism is spreading among the masses of the people. Why? Because the Socialists have expressed intense sympathy with the sufferings of the people. If you think Socialism is wrong, the only way by which you can prevent Socialism from acquiring in a few years predominant influence in this country will be by having as much sympathy with the unemployed and starving poor as the Socialists have. The time, I think, has come when all those persons who wish to prevent what might even be a revolution in this country should remember what Colonel Duncan said, and be prepared to prove that they are not only willing to pass laws, but to take to heart the sufferings of their fellow-men. In Palestine, at the time when our Lord came, nobody was allowed to be a judge until he was a married man and a father, because they said a bachelor had a hard heart, and that it was only when a man's heart was touched by the tender love of little children that he would be able to dispense justice with mercy. It is as necessary that those who make the laws and those who administer the laws should realize, in order that we may conduct human affairs successfully, that we must not only have law and justice, but we must have sympathy—the sympathy of Jesus Christ.