

CORRESPONDENCE

WEDNESDAY MEETINGS AND LABOR REFORM

Every man who objects has been by some that meetings in the spirit of Labor Reform held on Wednesday would be a violation of the Fourth Commandment. Those who make such objection, evidently have not a very exalted idea of the importance of the labor question. They look at it simply as a matter of nothing better than a few cents more a day, and shorter hours of labor. Whereas it practically means, the eradication and practice of the doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, or true Christianity.

Thomas Trevelick, I think it was, who stated, that if it were right to lift an ass out of a hole on Monday, it could not be wrong to try to lift the human soul out of the slough of despair into which they have fallen. Some are disposed to invoke the aid of the ministers in the movement. I think a great mistake will be committed, if ministers are to have anything to do with it. As a class, ministers are least in touch with the up-to-date of any of the professional classes, and are the most ignorant of the question at issue, and would therefore be a hindrance rather than a help. I have once asked a minister why it was that ministers did not deal with the labor question. He replied that "to be sanctified with you, you need not expect them to do until it becomes popular." Their aid will not be needed.

They have more congenial occupation in finding excuses for selfishness, in getting grand churches built, and in setting ladies to collect for the convalescence of the brethren in distant lands, of course there are exceptions, but like angels' visits they are few and far between. The influence of the "false" ministers on the masses amounts to nothing. And while any of them who really have the spirit of God's Kingdom in their hearts, which should be welcomed, none should be even coaxed to aid in Labor Reform. Tiao.

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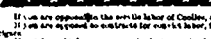
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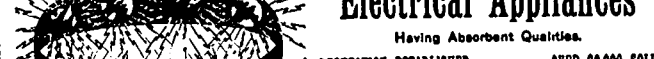
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