

monopolies, that all may enjoy some leisure, and be free from the grinding cares of poverty.

3. Equal governmental rights for all, men and women alike.

From these principles a new political party has grown up in England, —the Isocrats, or party of equal power. We have had the Aristocrats, power of the rich, and the Democrats, power of the people; and now have appeared the Isocrats, power of the equal. Robert Blatchford says this new development "is Socialism and something more than Socialism. It is a new religion, which is the result of the labors of Darwin, Carlyle, Ruskin, Dickens, Thoreau and Walt Whitman. It is from these men that the north of England has caught the message of love and justice, of liberty and peace, of culture and simplicity and of holiness and beauty of life."

The growth of this party in recent years has been remarkable. Five years ago there were not 500 Socialists in Manchester; now there must be 30,000. It has a literature and a press of its own; and its paper, *The Clarion*, has a circulation in the north of England of 40,000. Their aims I will give in the words of Herbert Burrows:

"Adult suffrage; every man and every woman, married or unmarried, having a voice in the making of the laws by which they are bound.

"The largest possible development of the movement for shortening the hours of labor.

"The limitation of child-labor, and the stringent improvement of the conditions of the labor of women.

"The housing of the poor in commodious, artistic, and as far as possible co-operative municipal dwellings.

"Free, compulsory, secular, and technical education for all classes of the community, with the free meal in the State schools.

"The municipalization and nationalization of gas, water, trams, railways and docks.

"Direct employment by all public bodies of labor in all their departments, with no sweating.

"The collective employment of the unemployed nationally and municipally, in town and in country, on useful public works, at a reasonable, living wage.

"Side by side with these will go the opening out to the people, in towns and villages of every possible avenue of culture, of science, of art, of literature. With this also will inevitably go the direct control of the liquor traffic."

These are their present aims, as given in a book published by them in 1893. What they may lead to I can best give in a sentence from Arnold Toynbee's last speech, when death was very near to him:

"When we have solved the great problems of our own reconstructive social administration, nay, as we are determining to solve them, we shall as a nation try to redeem our past: we shall try to rule India justly; we shall try to obtain forgiveness from Ireland; we shall try to prevent subject races from being oppressed by our commerce; and we shall try to spread to every clime the love of man."

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