

tion, is as yet undefined ; nor are we told how its perfect disinterestedness and justice are to be secured ; its absolutism would, we believe, be not less fatal to progress than to liberty ; in fact progress is almost excluded by some of the Socialistic schemes, which propose organizations of the industrial community evidently intended to be final. The experience of trade unions does not encourage us to believe that an industrial government worthy of unbounded confidence, or likely to command it even among the working classes, would be produced by election. Anything in the phalanstery way involves a parcelling out of the economical world into petty sections which is forbidden by the worldwide inter-dependence of commerce, and in the case of sailors and carriers, would be physically impossible. Insurance societies, savings banks, and all the facilities for thrift which Bismarck can imagine are provided by private enterprise ; joint stock companies and other modes by which the small capitalists are enabled to hold their own against the great, have been rapidly developed of late years ; and for those who fall in the race charities are ever being multiplied. There is more, it seems to us, to be hoped from these spontaneous influences than from any government, be it as industrial as it may. Still, we repeat, Bismarck's experiment will be watched with profound interest.

— With the Socialist controversy in Germany, the Jew controversy goes on, and the Jews and their advocates continue to appeal to the sympathy of a Liberal world against what they persist in calling a religious persecution. A religious persecution we are persuaded it is not, though there may be a certain amount of religious antipathy on both sides, and even the Agnostics may, perhaps, be inclined to support the Jews, not only on the grounds of political Liberalism, but from antagonism to Christianity. Germany is about the most free-thinking country in Europe. Nor can we accept the simple solution of the phenomenon as a mere exhibition of the "brutality" of the Germans, or of their envy of superior wealth. The Germans