

which he hates and seeks to despoil, the leveler must be prepared. Nor would the opposition be merely that of class-interest. Levelling, it would seem, must be the end of progress for all. It would be at once the end of trades which supply the special demands of the moneyed class and of the livelihoods of the artisans of those trades.

Socialism has never told us distinctly, if it has tried to tell us at all, what its form of government is to be. Can it devise a government which shall hold all the instruments of production, distribute our industrial parts, regulate our remuneration, yet leave us free? Without freedom and personal choice of callings, how could there be progress, how could there be invention, how could there be dedication to intellectual pursuits? Can the government pick out inventors, scientific discoverers, philosophers, men of letters, artists, set them to work and assign them their rewards? By what standard will it measure remuneration? The products of manual labour it might conceivably measure; but apparently those alone.

Nor is there anything to show us plainly