

solidify against them. Hence the necessity of carefully sinking the "Objective" in Parliament.

A great deal of indignation has been expressed by members of the Labour party at the charge that Australian Socialism seeks to weaken the marriage tie and invade the sanctity of the family. It is but fair to say that this charge is as foolish as it is unwarrantable. As a party and in their press organs they have strongly supported a high standard of moral life. Their official press is one of the "cleanest" in the world, and the general *moral* of the party is of the highest. They number probably quite more than the average proportion of men of singularly honest, upright, industrious lives. On the other hand, they cannot deny that many European Socialistic writers contend that Christianity and the duties and rights which it imposes and confers on family life are the basic social bulwarks barring the way against the realisation of their economic ideals. Australian Socialists, however, manimously condemn this part of the European Socialistic gospel.

History repeats itself. Between the Liberal and Conservative parties in the United Kingdom a third party is springing up. The growth of that party is just beginning. Exactly the same opportunities are given to it as to the Labour party in Australia. It is emerging from the tangled web of English politics, and for precisely the same reasons as the Labour party emerged from Australian politics. It will appeal to the working classes on the same grounds. Fortunately, however, the Liberal and the Conservative parties have the experience of Australia before them to determine whether the price of holding office by