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# FALSE HOPES;

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Briefly Examined.

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*(From the Toronto Globe of the 13th June.)*

"False Hopes" is the title of a pamphlet in which Mr. Goldwin Smith dissects and lays bare in the most impassioned way, but with the keenest of literary scalpels, the fallacies involved in Communism, Socialism, the Nationalization of Lands, strikes, the various plans in vogue for emancipating labour from the dominion of capital, protection and some theories of innovation with regard to currency and banking. The great number and prevalence of these diseases of the body politic are, he thinks, mainly due to the ostentation of the vulgar rich, who "deserve, fully as much as the revolutionary artizans, the name of a dangerous class;" to the democratic movement of the times; and to the revolution in science, which "has helped to excite the spirit of change in every sphere, little as Utopianism is akin to science."

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Mr. Goldwin Smith, in a small brochure, which may be purchased for a few cents, has opportunely put together a plain and concise refutation of the fantasies which possess the advanced democracy of to-day. In style, "False Hopes" is clear, terse, epigrammatic and, brief as the pamphlet is, it constitutes a brilliant exposure of the fallacious theories under review. Mr. Smith points out that these theories have received an impetus from the decline of faith. Men who have come to believe that death ends all must needs strive to enjoy what they can, while they may, no matter at whose expense. Human life, in this view, resolves itself into a game of grab. Moreover, "popular education has gone far enough to make the masses think—not far enough to make them think deeply."

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