

giving the question of employer and employed the aspect of a war between classes and representing the artisan as "a slave" ground down by the tyranny of the class above him. No one in his cooler moments can believe that a man who is perfectly at liberty to dispose of his own labour and has full political rights is a slave.

Progress surely there has been, and its pace has been greatly quickened during the last three generations, notably in what concerns the position and welfare of the wage-earning class. Wages have risen, while improvements in production and increased facilities of traffic have added greatly to their purchasing range and power. Education has been made free to the people in England and elsewhere. Class legislation, such as the Combination Law, has been swept away; with it has gone the class iniquity of the old penal code. Factory laws, mining laws, and other laws for the protection of the labourer's life, health, and interest, have been passed. Philanthropy has been active in providing means of health and enjoyment, such as public parks, and the facilities for innocent