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organization of resistance to industrial oppression, with manhood suffrage and a voice in the administration of the nation's affairs. Now all men are equal in the sight of the law, and labour has become the subject of barter, and probably the balance of power is in the hands of the workers. It is not to be marvelled at that the consciousness of new power may bring about too great a swing of the pendulum, and that liberty may turn to licence and advantages taken by those who would pervert the newly won privileges of the working classes to selfish ends.

We see in these later days strikes fomented and encouraged by agitators, advocates of certain spurious forms of so-called socialism, and

other false guides.

Christianity (this speaker held), having accomplished freedom for all people, may now leave the secular matters, such as the price of labour and other incidents of employment, to be dealt with by the persons concerned. She finds her enemies increased, but sees before her a plain duty of bringing the light of the great principles of mutual love and charity before the people for their guidance.

"IF THE PRINCIPLES OF JESUS WERE ACCEPTED"—

Dealing with the attitude of the Church to this whole question, W. H. S. began by discussing the social spirit and the attitude of the Old Testament legislation—all making for a real democracy, although

the idea was not fully unfolded on account of the political institutions of the times.

The life and teaching of Jesus had ushered in a new era when all artificial and all wrong attitudes were exposed and all men stood before God according to privilege and responsibility. The conception of the Kingdom of God as the central principle was set forth in its emphasis upon social justice, co-operation and demand for real service. If Jesus' principles were accepted in their spirit and method by Capital and Labour, there would soon be a final settlement of existing difficulties.

THE PROBLEMS OF THE ECONOMIC WORLD

The problems of the economic world were but the problems created by selfishness, greed, and lack of brotherly sympathy. Recent movements were full of promise. It is becoming evident that only when each factor recognizes the necessity for cordial co-operation on the part of the others can the highest success be attained. Capital and Labour must be reconciled as brethren before either can do satisfactory service to humanity. The modern tendency is strongly toward a basis which is much more social than our present order. Socialism finds its argument in the tyranny of existing conditions in the face of humanitarian realities. Whatever form of solution society may adopt, it will undoubtedly be in harmony with the fundamental principles of an enduring brotherhood.

(From the King's High Way)

Leave it to God to spread the leaven.

Each evil thing you check or slay

Lifts all the world one step to heaven.

"And pray! For prayer doth much avail
To lift the world to nobler things;
Pray, work, and live as unto Him,
The Lord of Lords, and King of Kings!"
—JOHN OXENHAM.

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