

even told the country why it should not be abated. Add to this that one Chancellor of the Exchequer made an admirable and highly successful attempt to raise money otherwise than by the eternal income tax. When all our hopes were raised, and we felt that here, at last, the party had found courage to face the old unbearable ill with a new remedy, the experiment was needlessly and pointlessly abandoned. Such half-hearted fighting never yet won a battle.

And backward now and forward
Wavers the deep array,
And on the tossing sea of steel
To and fro the standards reel;
And the victorious trumpets' peal
Dies fitfully away.

We all know what happened in the battle of which these lines record the crisis ; precisely the same thing happened last month, and the Tories were smitten hip and thigh. They will remain out of power for many years ; and if the Whig-Radical-Liberal-Socialist-Nationalist-Labour party can be persuaded to avoid mistakes and will pass certain two measures the Tory rout, already absolute, will be as enduring as the rout of 1714.

But that is a tremendous IF ; and in the meantime, what are the Tories going to do ? In the first place, no party can be strong that does not contrive to put some heart into the man in the street. The man in the street is rather exacting. On the one hand he does not want " inside information," and does not, as a rule, believe in what is given him for " inside information." He wants to know a few principles and the reasons for and against their application, with precise knowledge as to how action upon these principles will affect his own interest and the interest of the State. That is not much ; but it is more than the party has given him hitherto. Then on the other hand, he wants to see the party managed at least as well as a successful County Cricket Club, and on the same principles ; and that is a very high standard indeed, and one which the existing party organisation does not even approach.