

est of their own class alone. Thus to put ourselves out of the community is to make ourselves political and social outlaws. What hope is there of general progress but in common effort for the common weal?

That a monopoly of all wealth has been usurped by a class which may rightfully be despoiled of its prey, once more is an angry dream. Social history tells of no such usurpation; though aristocracies created by conquest have for the time partitioned the land. The present state of things, with all its inequalities, deplorable as they sometimes are, has been evolved by a gradual process in which varieties of opportunity and capacity have played the greatest part. In industrial and commercial communities there is, in fact, no such sharp division of classes as to give one class a pretence for making war upon the other. Of the millionnaires who are the special objects of hostility it would probably be found that far the greater number, in the United States at least, had sprung from that which fancies itself the despoiled and down-trodden class.

For opposition on the part of the class