

was left entirely to the rising genius of the "Globe," who took pains not to come into collision with the operatives till he thought himself strong enough to crush them. Years has he waited for an opportunity. Time after time has he requested the proprietors of offices to meet and decide upon cutting down the labourer. Meetings have some of them held at his bidding—their flats have they sent forth; and, like the gnat on the ox's horn, they have not been felt.

But the world was progressing. California opened her golden veins—Australia held out the inducements of an extensive auriferous deposit, and Labour began to hope and arouse herself. Men's hands and time and worth were improved in value everywhere but in Canada. There a certain ancient institution—low wages—held away: the artisans departed from her shores, and sought in other climes that remuneration for their labor which was denied them in their own country. Provisions and all other necessities of life became dearer, and the working classes found it difficult to live. Again: railroads were put in course of construction; and so great became the demand for workmen that wages had to rise by the force of circumstances wherever railroads were in progress. But in the cities the impulse had not yet been given. A little time and common labourers—that hitherto neglected, but exceedingly useful class of men—were offered higher rates than the mechanics were then receiving. The impulse was *now* given, and it was felt. The stone-cutter, the carpenter, the mason and bricklayer, the tailor, the shoemaker, demanded a proportionate rise in their wages, and succeeded. Well did they deserve it, and long may they enjoy a fair remuneration for their toils.

The Printer—he who fans the flame of civilization and intelligence, and trims the lamp of liberty—began to look forth during the midnight hours of his toil in the debilitating Printing office, and resolved to demand a slight increase in his wages, so that he, too, might escape being reduced to a lower position than that he had previously occupied. An advance of 6s. per week