

is abhorrent to him. In speech or act it is impossible to him; and in thought—well, in thought it is possible to avoid obscurity by not thinking too much, by not looking too far before and after.

In contrast, Mr. Balfour stands holding up his economic lamp. The light shines clearly, but in the opinion of many who hear and admire him, it has, unconsciously to himself, been refracted and diverted by unsuspected lenses and prisms. He seems to see, and he declares, that it is destruction to stand where we are—there is only one step to take, he exclaims, but that step involves the taxation of food, and it is, alas, impossible.

THE END