

even *Punch* speaks anxiously in words and cartoon, and the Laureate denounces it in patriotic and prophetic verse. But "there's a divinity that shapes our ends, rough hew them as we may," and that shaping will be for good. In America there is less reason for anxiety. The Knights of Labor do not adopt Socialism or Anarchy; and in *Harper's Weekly* of 6th November last there is an excellent article by P. M. Arthur, Grand Chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, in which he maintains there is no antagonism between labor and capital which cannot be easily overcome.—He says, "Every man of industrious habits may hope to become a capitalist; indeed, the desire to accumulate is one of the most powerful instruments for the regeneration of society, it supplies the basis for individual energy and activity. I have no sympathy with men who claim that might is right, and that the rich owe the poor a living." Let us try to diminish the amount of poverty, and to mitigate its evils by legislation in the spirit of that referred to with approval by Annie Besant, and by all other means that wisdom may suggest; there is the highest authority for doing this, by the exercise of brotherly love and christian charity in the highest sense of the words, but none for confiscation, robbery, or violence. Poverty has its hard-hips, and we must strive earnestly to remove or diminish them; but difference of wealth or station has but a limited influence on human happiness, and is a far less evil than what Socialism proposes to substitute for it:

Order is heaven's first law, and this confessed
Some are—nay, must be greater than the rest;
More rich, more wise; but who infers from hence
That such are happier, shocks all commonsense.

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