

ated in the new social order that is already growing up before our eyes.

Mr. H. G. Wells is of the opinion⁵ "that by 1926 we shall be going about in a world that will have recovered very largely from the impoverishment of the struggle; we shall tour in state-manufactured automobiles upon excellent roads, and we shall live in houses equipped with a national factory electric light installation, and at every turn we shall be using and consuming the products of nationalized industry—and paying off the national debt at the same time."

The new order will not arrive without meeting the most determined hostility from selfish and ruthless individuals, who have fattened themselves so long out of the huge profits bled from a helpless public that they have come to regard it as a gracious arrangement of divine Providence. It is conceivable that, before the common man comes to his own, some painful and bloody chapters must be written in our social history. We have good reasons for believing that the lessons of self-sacrifice and cooperation all classes have been compelled to learn during the war, will result in the downfall of that iron materialism which has been the religion and the curse of all countries for so many years. The readjustment to new conditions will be painful and costly, but one almost certain result will be the emancipation of the common man from economic

⁵ "What is Coming," p. 122.