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to present a petition.

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WORKINGMEN THEIR OWN WORST ENEMIES.

The way in which an ignorant an selfish class of workingmen often stand in the way of their own enfranchisement as heen strikingly illustrated by th agitation for the restriction of child labor in factories in Britain. In ac cordance with an international under standing it was proposed in the Bill now before the British Parliament to fix the age of twelve years as the mininum at which children can be em ployed in factorics. Some of the Tory leaders, including Lord Salisbury and Mr. Matthews, were opposed to this restriction and it is asserted that their hands were strengthened in objecting to this clause by the outery raised from the Lancashire operatives whose chil-dren, under the proposed limit, are said to earn, or rather to receive wages amounting in the aggregate to fifteer million dollars a year. Emboldened by age limit but fortunately the Liberal party managed to carry an amendment fixing the age when work can begin at

If the ignorant and besetted open tives who are arrious to live upon the earnings of their children were not very short-sighted fools they would know that child labor is one of the principal causes why their own wages are so low.

They are the victims of competition with their own families. If the chil dren and married women were kept out of the factories the head of the family would be in a position to demand in creased wages, and instead of father, mother and infants all having to tourn order to earn enough upon which to exist in some semblance of deceney, to the utter destruction of everything like home life and proper training of the young, the carrings of the father alone would suffice to keep them.

These victims of the competitive sys-

tem and the greed of capitalism are responsible for their ignorance, as they have had little chance to learn better, But it is none the less depressing to intelligent Labor Reformers to see those whom they wish to benefit endeavoring to thwart almost every move that is made which does not immedi ately appeal to their-selfish, material interests. Labor's worst foes have genrally been of its own household.

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" WHO WOULD BE PREE, ETC."

As a consequence of the long con-LABOR ADVOCATE, tinued agitation of the labor organization organization of the labor organization of the labor organization organizatio tions a large class of workers employed the city, by civic contractors, and in public services, find their condition materially bettered without any effort of the own Labor Reformers having no selfish ends to serve, and no personal benefit to gain, from the move ment, have, at the sacrifice of considerable leisure time and not a little money, secured better pay for city borers, firemen and drivers, raised the standard of waves for men employed by contractors on city jobs, re The Street Railway question has dured by several hours the daily labor taken another turn owing to the publiof overworked street railroad em ployees and increased their pay, and in which he gives it as his opinion that hastly secured the same benefits for the the city has no power to borrow money girls in the employ of the telephone or to issue debentures for the purpose monopoly. nonopoly.
Now while the members of labor

organizations have been agitating as a pure matter of principle for all these reforms, and endeavoring through the municipal machinery to ameliorate the condition of all who can possibly be reached in this way, the various classes who have reaped the benefit have done httle or nothing either to help them selves or aid the general labor move ment. They have been quite willing to let others do the hard work of the struggle to remove the burden from their shoulders, and have for the most part taken no more interest than so many oven in the contest. Even after they have had a practical experience in the shape of increased wages and leisure of the benefits conferred by the labor movement, they remain as stol idly apathetic as ever, and do not seen to care about taking steps to preserv the rights that others have won for them, still less of helping to emanci pate others.

Now it would be very foolish to ex

sownt would be very foolish to ex-pect gratitude from these people. It is always foolish to expect it from any-body, because it is a quality which is for the most part confined to the brute creation and ravely manifests itself in luman being. Done-24 transhuman beings Dogs and horses are grateful, absurdly so sometimes, but men and women very seldom display this animal virtue to any great extent But while it may be admitted that for the workingmen and women benefited by the agitation for municipal control to be influenced by a sense of of lal or. gratitude for what has been done for them would be altogether contrary to the natural order of things one would suppose that they might have intelli-gence enough to understand that they are not likely to retain their hardly won rights unless they are ready to fight for them. The various move ments we have recounted have been is apparently as far off as ever. The undertaken in the teeth of strong and boodlers and their henchmen of the proportionately larger element outside of it, which hates all reforms of this nature. Every capitalist, every large landowner, every thievish contractor, is against any measure of justice which esults in mercasing taxation, and in favor of dealing with labor on strictly business principles and buying it as cheaply as possible. They are leaving ueans untried to abolish the day labor system and the 15 cent per hour minimum, so that contractors and others can grow rich by hiring labor at the lowest possible figures. They are opposed to having any res trictions as to hours or wages put in any agreements the city may make with corporations, because they want

labor kept down on general principles. Now knowing this, as they must know it, it might have been imagined that the corporation laborers, the fire men and drivers, the workmen for con-tractors, the street railway and telephone employees, would have had sense and spirit enough to organize and cowao are trying to maintain and extend they undoubtedly were, had nothing the principle of regulating the wages new in them." True enough, but while of public employees. But they have the Oatholic Church has at least one of the complete the control of the complete the control of the control from a movement which is directly in their interest, and expect that others will keep on fighting in their cause without any sort of encouragement or support from them. In so doing they its attention to are acting very blindly, and running dinary courtesy.

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NO CAUSE FOR DESPAIR.

cation of a letter from Mr. S. H. Blake extending the road or, in fact, doing anything outside of purchasing the road. The contequence is that the Kerr Brock and Miller-Howard tenders are illegal and cannot, in their present shape, be considered as they both involve raising money on the credit of the city for the necessary changes in the road. It is also eagerly assumed by the newspapers which the monopolists have bired to advocate their interests. that this conclusively settles the question of civic operation. This by no means follows. In the first place it is

means follows. In the first place it is only Mr. S. H. Blake's opinion. Mr. Blake is an able lawyer, of course, but with all the natural and acquired bias of a corporation lawyer against the peo ple and popular rights, and in favor of monopolies. It is just possible that his views may have been a little warped by his professional prejudices. Second ly, granting that Mr. Blake's interpre tation of the law is correct, it is not so very long from now until the meeting of the Legislature when the Act could be amended so as to give the city power to raise money to operate the road There is no important change needed at present and the receipts will furnish ample funds for experimental manage-ment for year. We do not see that there is anything in 14r. Blake's opin-ion that need district the equanimity of those who really wish the city to con tinue running the street railway or cause them to change their course in any particular. It does however, afford cuse for weak kneed aldermen like Ald. Howitt, who perhaps have reasons of their own for shifting their ground, for sneaking out of giving a courageous and steady support to the principle of

civic operation. As matters now stand the tenderers have received leave to amend their tenders. The disposal of the franchise influential opposition. There is a large clement in the Council, and perhaps a proportionately larger element outside cach other. If our friends will only stand firm—push on the agitation for civic operation—refuse to fool away time and energy discussing which would be plunderer will rob us the least, and more especially make abundantly clear to the aldermanic mind that we are in earnest and mean to do our best to punish those who be tray us-the cause is not lost by any

> This much is clear—the city eep on operating the road as it nov stands as long as they borrow no money We must insist on their doing this a leave the question of loans to the courts and the legislature.

It will be time enough to talk of accepting tenders when we are beaten at every point and that is the only alternative left.

THE Christian Guardian says con cerning the Pope's encyclical on the labor question-"The recommendations the attempt to find a solution of the problem, the Meth rist. Church does not oven seem to lifew that there is such a problem—ari eannot bring it-self to treat those who wish to direct its attention to social abuses with or-

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the risk of losing whatever has been The Dominion Government have The Hamilton Trades and Local the risk of losing whatever has been! THE Dominion Government have: THE Hamilton Trades and Lacca-gained by the struggles of balf a dozen! done a good thing in the re-arrangement: Council have done a sensible and com-years. There are limits to human of the customs tariff in taking the im-mendable thing, in resolving to Je-endurance, and unless these classes of port duty off raw sugar and making up-only with those tradesmen who a-workers, and more specially the street; the deliciency which amounts to some willing to fall in with the early closur-car drivers and conductors, show some \$2.500,000 by additional taxes on to-movement. If the people they repre-table of the properties of th ear drivers and conductors, show some \$2,000,000 by additional takes on to movement. If the people they repre-disposition to make common cause with bacco, spirits and wines. This captite of ent will only live up to this resolution, their follow workers, it is quite likely reduce the celling price of sugar at least there will be no trouble about securing that the latter will at last grow tired one event a pound, but it remains to be learly closing. The great realizable of making accritices for men who now leven how much of the benefit of their the way of having stores closed at a of maxing sammes to make the foot, and turn reduction in the price of raw material reasonable hour is that there are always their attention in some more promiting the monopolists who control the reliner in few mean spirited, money-grabbing

> monarchy, multarism, the metallic basis of the currency, the divine right of the landlord, and the law of supply and de-mand. Why not carry a little healthy scepticism into the region of politics and sociology !

> AUSTRALIA is evidently bound to eep well at the head of the procession in the matter of advanced legislation The Governor of New South Wales in opening the legislature announced that bills would be introduced embodying the principle of "One man, one vote," and conferring the right of franchise on women. By and by when Australia has tried woman suffrage without any evil effects it will be adopted in England and then after a long interval Canada will timidly follow their example—as was done in the case of the ballot—and the government making the innovation will no doubt claim credit for extraor-dinary liberality. Are we never to venture upon initiating reforms before they have become back numbers everywhere else !

The Prince of Wales will make a good deal better king than Old Man Harrison makes president, although that is not saying much—Hamilton Herald Hera

This is strictly true from the point w that the best sort of king is one whose actions will disgust people with the whole harbarous and stupid and fraudulent system of monarchy. and so bring it to an end We heartily wish that Wales and the whole Guelph outfit were ten times as prolligate, li-centious and generally vicious as they are. The Herald knows perfectly well that monarchy is an anachronism and an imposition. Why hasn't it the courage to say so honestly, instead of pretending to believe in it?

We do not wonder that the Metho dist Conference completely ignored the memorial on the labor question addressed to them by the various orga zations. Among the resolutions that they did pass was one complimenting they did pass was one complimenting Rev. William Briggs, steward of the Book Room, on his successful management of church business. Briggs i the man who, as a member of the Employing Printers' Association, has offered the most bitter and strenuous opposition to any increase in wages. Let us at least give the Methodist Conference credit for consistency in their hostility to labor reform. To have endorsed Briggs and his methods and followed it up by a hypocritical profession of sympathy with our course would have been altogether too absurd

A near set is being made by some of the aldermen against the principle of performing city work by day labor under the supervision of the engineer It is to be regretted that the reaction-aries gained a point on-Monday even ing when the work on a couple of sowers which the engineer had recom mended should be done by day were let by tender. The whole discus sion seemed to turn upon the question of the comparative cheapness of the two systems, the contractors' aklermen ignoring altogether the fact that work done on a tender is likely to be scamped by hurrying the workmen and using cheap material Ald. Gowanlock, Far-quhar, Saunders, Hill and Leslie were ns usual pronounced in their oppose on to the day labor system. "We've got them on the list."

ies will allow to go to the consumers those who will keep open late for the chance of catching a few belated tus It is very funny to see some people tomers. This under the competitive who claim to be so "hiberal" and "ensystem forces all others in the same lightened" that they can't believe in neighborhood and line of business to God, and vote the Bible a pack of old follow their example. Such miserable wives fables, pinning their faith upon skindints should be merculessly beyout the superstitions of political economy ed, and the workingmen who deal with and bowing down before the gods of such ought to be served the same way

> It is rather singular, is it not, that though the suggestion as to the low wages of the telephone girls was origi nally made in the report of the Muni cipal Committee of the Trades and Labor Council, the resolution of the City Council, by which a minimum wages clause was inserted in the agreement with the company was alto-gether ignored in the Municipal Committee's report last Friday. Owing too to objections raised in the same quarter, the vote of thanks proposed to Ald Bell and the supporters of the resolution was whittled down to a very point-less and non-committal utterance, Was this because of a desire to shield Mayor Clarke from the implied censure which such a vote would involve! If the Trades and Labor Municipal Committee is being swayed either by per, sonal or party considerations, it is time that the Trades Council knew it.

When the question of convict labor is being considered, somebody is sure to make a strong plea for the con ract system or some other way of putting the convicts in competition with free labor, on the ground that "convicts ought not to be a burden on the hardough not to be a burden on the hard-working and industrious people, etc. It is curious that in every case the man who uses this argument belongs to the capitalist, professional or privileged idler class, while the hard-working and industrious people whom he is so very anxious about are not at all worried over the expense of keeping convicts in idleness. A generation or two since there was some excuse for the self constituted spokesman for "hard-working and industrious people." Now a days there is none, as thanks to labor organization, workingmen have their recognized exponents of opinion, and the fellow who gets up and pro-fesses to talk for the workingman while uttering sentiments directly op-posed to his best interests ought to be made to show up his credentials.

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ion with other bodies, to the religious arminations and its reception by them to that time only one of the bodies to stom the address was presented, the Congregational Union, had taken any acton. The resolution passed by this there body was read and a vote of thanks returned them for their courtery. Mr. Belcher gave an address on the subject: "How will the adoption of the Single Tx, in its entirety, benefit the worker

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This is exactly the attitude of the "Church" as a whole on this question—a small section sympathics with the efforts of those engaged in the fight, a large number oppose it, and the majority are passitely indifferent. Tous an expressive slaug phrase, "Its none of their funeral." "The Church "has weightier matters to enabler than each trivial things as the address called attention to—such questions as, Shall milk or papers be sold on Sunday! Shall our children be brought up with the Church of Enghand catechism sanulstiched in between their three "si and Shall the boys be allowed to escort the girls home from prayer-meeting?

ANNOUND of these is a matter of intense ANJONY of times as a matter of intense importance; vital issues hang upon their solution Perhaps the whole future of the trace may be affected by the manner of their answering. No doubt it is only my their answering. No doubt it is only my ignorance that prevents my seeing that but all I can say is, if it be ignorance, Good Lord deliver me' from the how-ledge necessary to exalt such miserable matchilling into a fight sagainst cui. I prefer to continue on the way that "leads to amerisam" to following cur-vision to the continue of the continue of a significant leaders" in such a noble cru-riagitizate leaders" in such a noble crusade against "the works of the devil."

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Monh important to prohibit the asle of milk on Sundays than to remove the causes which compet women to sell their virtue for a livebhood? I More important to arrange for the teaching of Anglean doctrines than to atrive to make It possible of the children of the toliers to obtain leisure enough to receive the education. More important to regulate the actions of the young people after prayer-meeting than to prevent the exploiting of the fruits of toil by those who stand by which the lower clause work and Itse like beautiful the first of the they may like delicately? Mone important to prohibit the sale of in order that they may live deheately!
Perhaps, but I can't see it, nor will most
of you who read the Labor Advocate.

YET this is practically what these branches of the Christian Church say by their action. As "Don" said in Saturday Night a few weeks ago, a good many of our ministers do not care how many or our ministers do not care how many hours men work through the week, so that they rest on Sunday and are able to come to church and drop their nickel into the abot of a theological machine which will at some future time return them a white robe and a harp. This is about the areo fit, and they call that Christianity. It is enough to nake one say, as some have said, that the week? refill at some future time return them a white role and a harp. This is about the are of it, and they call the Christianity. It is enough to make one say, as some have said, that the world would have been better without it, that more good would have been the even accomplished, more justice the tree should be the enter of the world of Nazara had never been born. Were it not that the grandeured born. Were it said, the grandeured born. Were it said, the grandeured born. Were the gra

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