There was no Socialism in England except perhaps of the Old Chartist Movement and of the utopian Communism blended with a reflection from Benthamite Socialism. The Middle Classes triumphant in their commercial successes were ignorant of any idea that amongst the workers. Liberalism in Whigbery was nowhere victorious and seemed to many the furthest from the goal to be arrived at.

This is changed; Socialism is becoming a hope to the poor, and a fear to the Middle classes. Although the latter will talk about it asmuch as you please, and a few of them are prepared to declare themselves Socialists, they are not compelled to recognize the great fact of the class war. A sort of conscience is waking up amongst some persons, stimulated by the extreme hideousness and obviousness of poverty in England. All kinds of schemes for the amelioration of the lot of the workman are set on foot by them: State-aided emigration to get rid of the increasing numbers; feeble attempts at turning back the hands of the clock by establishing peasant proprietorship, or village industries; insurance of workers à la Bismarck; the slighty improved form of joint-stockbery called cooperation, and thing down to mere philanthropy and the preaching of Malthusian and thrift are tried in them by these bourgeois beginning to be conscious of the volcano on which their society rests.

It is true that in England so till quite lately the government has been confined to man's an intellectual one, though it has not been confined to those whom we call...
The main difficulty that meets us is the apathy of the men of the more consolidated trades; by land having been the first country that fell completely under the influence of the great industries, the men in the great manufacturing towns have been drilled for generations into dependence to looking upon themselves as a part of the factory, and their employer as a paymaster with whom they have to struggle at times but who is necessary to their livelihoods; on the other hand we have some of the opposition in feeling between the peasant and the town workman that exists in France and other Continental Countries.
The present crisis in politics has favoured our case.

The Irish question (to which, by the way, all

parties at home have heartily) has quite broken

out in the last few weeks; so that the working classes, who once trusted

Monkey in Parliament for dealing with their grievances,

are losing confidence in it; and that the more as the

new political groups of the Socialist Radicals, (who may

be said to be represented in the press by the London "Star"

and the Daily Worker in Parliament, and...

The party will be

now when the Irish question is solved or shelved.

Think good, because in our opinion...[Speakers]

The Socialist League? The workers will only waste

time and energy by trying to get

their members

back in Parliament, so that I repeat we are far from

feeling the extreme futility of the attempt that have

been made in this direction.

On the other hand the County Councils (newly established)

in the great towns and especially in London are showing

signs of life and a tendency towards socialistic

which, I believe, cannot be better expressed by

who brought in the bill which created them; and it may be

well hoped that they will form a rallying point

for the people against the Centralizing bureaucratic

Parliament which in England is becoming so reactionary up to its last

days. For indeed what is that parliament but a

committee defending on behalf of the Capitalists that the right of property, which it is the business of Socialists to

attack? This committee is not sorry to have amongst its

members of the exploited classes, partly because their presence

acts as a safety-valve for discontent, and partly
The growth of public opinion and the growth of the party are interdependent, and in the movement of the party a bad and when the party has reached a certain point it may take another course. The former does not depend on the latter, in such a way as to be indispensable. I think it important to consider that in Australia Socialism is spreading, and that there it is not as it is expected in American Socialism, but is of the British type. The worst misfortune in England is that the intellectual side gives us special hope that its prospects will be good, and that the Socialism which still exists is a large part of the movement. Here is a necessary function of the general movement. Surely it is dangerous for us to put our hope on economic fallacies, on the continued and steady growing decrepitude of the bourgeois power; the development of production in society. We doubt, but then the historical development may interrupt it and give a new lease of life to the middle class supremacy. England may yet go through a period of brilliant commercial prosperity; although it may well be that, owing to the new machinery and improvements, the workers will not profit by it in the same proportion as they did by the last one. But in any case, shall we cease to be Socialists because we are better fed slaves, mere productive parasites than of old? No. The intellectual movement will save us from that, and will not allow us to be content with anything short of the realization of our ideal. We have learned that what we have to claim is complete equality of opportunity for all men, and that this claim can be made good, and we cannot unlearn the lesson once learned. We know also that however the lot of the
Due to the claim of which the English workers are learning to make will not stop short will not stop their desire of complete independence and the responsibility which goes with it, in place of a hasty, rational and efficient responsibility with it. But there is a danger of the army through a period of blunders and disappointment, to be drawn into a more political party to be played on the political adventurers and dealers in votes for their own purposes. Which part, one thinks it necessary to feed the worker’s hopes by agitating for a few political means, which the Bourgeois Parliament will only grant them if it achieves what they will be effective in achieving, and when even if effective, would leave the vast mass of the worker free to vote - and to starve.

Two things I wish to claim on behalf of the English socialists; first that however they may differ in opinion, they are (except with a very few exceptions) thoroughly international. They condemn jingoism and chauvinism to the utmost extent; for them the word ‘nation’ expresses a mere geographical idea; and they have so completely thrown off the old prejudices of the Englishman that to them the British Empire is not a thing to be proud of, but a disgrace and a nuisance, to be abolished of force by justice, and violence to be avoided by all honest men wherever possible.

Again in virtue probably of their idealism, English Socialists have undertaken the guardianship of the aesthetic side of Socialism, and have become the initiators.
The accomplishment of our aims will be an enormous blessing for the \textit{world} and shall be the content when we have reached

the point. Indeed, not the next step of men who have

gained such power that they are no longer too

wretched or the fear of starvation will be to abolish the pain

suffering, so that we may be happy as we should be.

I mean, therefore, that the highest movement the Spite

falsely, despite shortcomings, has done good service to the society

alone by pulling before the workers the ideal of

the Beautiful and Complete Life which will be realized

along with Socialism, but which cannot be realized

as long as the workers are dependent on business.

It remains to be said that a great deal of literature

has come out of the Socialist movement in England.

Besides several Labour Treat to the have two weekly paper

Journal representing the Social Democratic Federation, and

The Commmunist representing the Socialist League: We

also publish many pamphlets and leaflets (specimen of

which are laid on the table.) and larger works on

Socialism are not wanting here. Besides, it

may be mentioned as a sign of the times that it has

become a sort of fashion among our modern novel

writers to enliven their books, so to say, with a certain

amount of Socialism.

Socialism thus is a plant healthy

and of steady growth though it is young, and its blossom

and fruit are long delayed.

William Morris