

## THE SOCIALIST LEAGUE.

### Notice to Members.

*Choir.*—The choir meetings are suspended for the present.

*General Meeting.*—On Monday 21st Feb. at 8.30 p.m. Council meets at 7.30.

*Library.*—The librarians, May Morris and W. Chambers, attend on Mondays and Fridays from 7 to 9 p.m. Members who have books from the library in their possession are requested to return them at once, as the librarians wish to collect all books for the purpose of re-cataloguing.

*Reading Room.*—Open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. All papers received by the Secretary are sorted and filed and are at the disposal of members.

*Standing Committees.*—Meet on Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m.

### MONTHLY REPORT.

At their ordinary weekly meeting held on Monday Jan. 18, the Executive Council passed the following resolution unanimously: "That this meeting of the Council of the Socialist League, while welcoming the released Socialists, records its energetic protest against the cowardly action of Jules Grévy, the President of the French Republic, in burking the question of the amnesty of political prisoners in France, by 'pardoning' a few of the more prominent among them."

In response to an invitation from the I.W.M. Club, Whitfield Street, delegates were appointed to assist in arranging for the reception of the Socialists lately released in Paris, should they visit England, and also for the holding of a meeting to protest against the conduct of the French Government in still confining the men of Lyons, Monceaux les Mines, etc., in defiance of justice and humanity.

The Council also resolved to invite all the Socialist bodies in London to send delegates to a preliminary meeting to form a committee to arrange for the holding an anniversary celebration of the Commune of Paris on or about March 18.

Although the reaction consequent upon the frenzy of the party conflict has hardly yet been recovered from by the people, there has been a marked improvement in the attendance at our lectures during this month, and from all quarters come tidings that augur well for our work when the season once more allows us to "go forth into the highways and byways." Everywhere the Branches have done a good month's work with lectures, outdoor meetings and discussions, but there is very little that specially calls for mention.

Comrades Sketchley and Copeland, with others, have succeeded in founding a very promising branch in Birmingham, in spite of the oft-repeated boast that the men of the midland metropolis were too hard-boiled politically to give ear to our gospel. Steady, enthusiastic work has its due reward, and our Birmingham comrades are to be congratulated on the success that has crowned their efforts.

At Liverpool some friends have formed a "Worker's Brotherhood," which has been carrying on a good series of lectures, with the help of our Manchester comrades, and is making some progress.

In Dublin our comrades have been, and are, subjected to those delicate attentions in which the English auxiliary garrison known as "police," is so very proficient, and which are so serviceable always in advertising our propaganda and arousing revolutionary feeling. The branch engaged the Oddfellows' Hall for a quarter to hold weekly meetings, but omitted to obtain a written agreement. After two or three very successful meetings had been held there, the Oddfellows' Hall board of management inserted an advertisement in the *Freeman's Journal* on Wednesday 13 Jan., stating that they would not allow the meeting advertised for next day, on the ground that it was a public meeting and they never allowed such, although it is well known that public meetings are continually being held there. Another advertisement answered on behalf of the branch that only members and the press would be admitted. Then came out the truth that Socialism was what was objected to, and that "at any risk" a Socialist meeting would be prevented. When the members turned up for their meeting they found a formidable array of police going through the farce of "guarding the building" to the intense delight of a large and appreciative audience! Our comrades gathered the crowd and went off and secured a room over a tavern, where a most successful meeting was held. The police, however, again exerted themselves with the landlord, and the branch was once more "evicted." It has now located itself in Carpenter's Hall, Aungier Street, but there is little doubt that it will be ultimately driven out there also. The time is coming, however, for open-air work, when the branch will have a full opportunity for utilising the leaflet just published on the Irish question.

The attention of provincial branches is specially called to the following resolution, passed at the monthly general meeting of London members on Dec. 28: "That branches be urged to organise four special public meetings during the year to be addressed by lecturers sent from the League." H. H. S.

### "THE COMMONWEAL."

The title-page, index, and covers for binding the volume of the *Commonweal* for 1885, can be obtained of the manager, 13 Farringdon Road, for 2s.

#### THE GUARANTEE FUND.

We now have in hand about £80 in cash and definite promises, and appeal to all interested in the matter to help to make up the necessary sum before the end of this month. We take the opportunity of urging branches and members to do their utmost to circulate the paper, since its success must to a great degree depend upon their efforts. Probably the most effective method of support is for branches to guarantee to take a definite number of copies at wholesale price. Two or three branches have already done this; we commend their example to the others, and hope they will consider the matter and report to the manager at an early date.

E. BELFORD BAX. WILLIAM MORRIS.  
H. H. SPARLING. CARL THEODOR.

### LECTURE DIARY: February, 1886.

FARRINGTON HALL (Offices of the League), 13 Farringdon Road, E.C.

*Lectures.*—Every Wednesday at 8.30 p.m. Admission free; discussion invited. Jan. 27. G. B. Shaw, "Laissez Faire." Feb. 3. E. Belfort Bax, "Universal History from a Socialist point of view." 10. Mr. W. J. Ramsey, "A Socialistic Experiment. The Poor Laws—a Folly and a Failure." 17. H. H. Sparling, "The Münster Commune." 24. Mrs. Charlotte M. Wilson, "Anarchism."  
*Concert.*—On Saturday Feb. 27, at 8 o'clock, under the management of Comrade Theodor. All are welcome. Admission free.

### BRANCH MEETING ROOMS.

#### LONDON.

*Bloomsbury.*—The "Eagle and Child" Coffee House, 45 Old Compton Street, Soho. Every Thursday at 8.30 p.m. Feb. 4. Eleanor Marx Aveling, a lecture. 11. Discussion on above lecture, opened by W. A. Chambers. 18. C. Faulkner, "Arithmetic." 25. Discussion on above lecture, opened by T. E. Wardle.

*Hoxton (L. E. L.).*—Exchange Coffee House, Pitfield Street, opposite Hoxton Church, N. The room is open every Sunday morning at 11.15, evening at

7.45. Evening arrangements: Feb. 7. Concert. 14. H. Sparling, "Pseudo-Socialism." 21. C. W. Mowbray, "Development of Revolutionary Ideas." 28. G. B. Shaw, a lecture. In the mornings there are readings, discussions, songs, etc. All are welcome.

*Hammersmith.*—Kelmescott House, 26 Upper Mall, W. Sundays at 8 p.m. Feb. 7. J. Stuart Glennie, "The Crofters." 14. F. Kitz, a lecture. 21. F. Verinder, "Work, Wages and Rent." 28. Rev. Stewart D. Headlam, "The Land and Social Morality."

*Marylebone.*—"Walmer Castle" Coffee Tavern, 136 Seymour Place, Marylebone Road, W. Sunday evenings at 8 o'clock. Feb. 7. H. H. Sparling, "The Meaning of the Revolution." 14. A. K. Donald, "Some Objections to Socialism." 21. W. A. Chambers, "Duty and Right." 28. Laurence Grünlund, "German and French Socialism."

*Merton.*—11 Merton Terrace, High Street. Every Sunday, 8 p.m. Feb. 7. A lecture. 14. A lecture. 21. R. A. Beckett, "Happiness." 28. H. Charles, "Society v. State."

*Mile-end.*—I. W. M. Educational Club, 40 Berner Street, Commercial Road. Tuesdays at 8 p.m. Feb. 2. William Morris, "Political Outlook." 9. H. Davis, "Malthusianism and Socialism." 16. C. W. Mowbray, "Lords and Commons v. The People." 23. H. Charles, "The German Labour Movement."

*North London.*—Camden Hall, King Street, Camden Town, N. Wednesdays at 8.30 p.m.

*South London.*—Peckham and Dulwich Radical Club, 144 Rye Lane, Peckham. Every Tuesday at 8 p.m. Feb. 2. H. Charles, "Socialism and Anarchism." 9. D. Nicoll, "Charms of Civilisation." 16. R. A. Beckett, "Equality." 23. H. H. Sparling, "The Münster Commune." Business meetings at 103 Bird-in-bush Road, on Sunday evenings at 7.30.

#### PROVINCIAL.

*Birmingham.*—Bell Street Coffee House. Every Monday evening, at 7.30. All are invited.

*Bradford.*—Laycock's Temperance Hotel, Kirkgate. Meetings every Tuesday at 8 p.m. Sympathisers invited. Feb. 2. J. L. Mahon, "The aims of Socialists." 9. T. Maguire, "The Labourer and the Capitalist." 16. J. Mitchell, "Usury: What does it mean?" 23. (M.S. lent by W. Morris) "Misery and the way out."

*Dublin.*—The Carpenter's Hall, 75 Aungier Street. Thursdays at 8 o'clock sharp.

*Edinburgh (Scottish Section).*—4 Park Street. Meets every Friday at 8.30 p.m. Special business meeting, Wednesday 17th Feb. at 8.30 p.m. Lecture in Oddfellows' Hall on Thursday 18th Feb. at 7.30 p.m., by Edward Carpenter. Subject: "Exploitation of Labour," with illustrations from railway and other industries.

*Leeds.*—54, Myrtle Street. Meets every Wednesday.

*Leicester.*—Secular Hall, Humberstone Gate.

*Manchester.*—City Café, Swan Street. Meets each Tuesday at 8 p.m. Feb. 2. Ball, "How the Democracy are plundered." 9. Snowdon, "Female labour." 16. Addison, "Men who have made Socialism." 23. Prince, "A plea for Land Nationalisation." At the County Forum, Market Street, on Jan. 30, at 7.30 p.m., Edward Carpenter will lecture on "Exploitation of Labour."

*Royston.*—"Greyhound Inn." Every Sunday evening at 7.30.

*Oldham.*—Mrs. Wrigley's Coffee Tavern, 9, Old Market Place. Meets every Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. The Secretary will be happy to give lectures on Socialism to any of the Liberal and Radical Clubs in the town and neighbourhood; address 57 Landsdowne Road, Chadderton, Oldham. Comrade Tod, 73 Book Street, off Ashton Road, will be glad to see or hear from *bona fide* inquirers.

*Oxford.*—"Elm Tree Tavern," Cowley Road. Every Monday at 8.30 p.m.

#### OPEN AIR PROPAGANDA.

*Hyde Park.*—Sundays, 3.30 p.m., near Marble Arch.

*Midland Arches, St. Pancras Road.*—Sundays, 11.30 a.m.

*Mile-end Waste.*—Sundays, 11.30 a.m.

*Hulme.*—The Viaduct, Chester Road. Sundays, 7 p.m.

*Leeds.*—Vicar's Croft. Sundays, afternoon.

*Manchester.*—New Cross, Oldham Road. Sundays, 2.30 p.m.

*Oldham.*—Curzon Ground. Sundays, afternoon and evening.

#### MEETINGS OF OTHER SOCIETIES.

HAMMERSMITH LIBERAL CLUB.—Wednesday 10th Feb. at 8 p.m., William Morris, "The Political Outlook."

PATRIOTIC CLUB.—Sunday 14th Feb. W. Morris, "Socialism."

SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC CLUB, Goldsmith Row, Hackney Road.—Lectures on Sundays at 7.45 p.m.

LIVERPOOL—"THE WORKERS' BROTHERHOOD."—Sunday evening Socialist lectures. Fred Willis, 49 Wood Street, Hanover Street, asks help.

#### WHERE TO GET THE "COMMONWEAL."

##### LONDON.

Old Ford Road—Roberts, 4; Caudle, 130.  
Globe Road—Poole, 24; Caudle, 244; Brown, 253.  
Mile End Road—174. Haines, 212; W. Cole, 84 New St., Bedford St., wholesale agent; Hendry, 6 Jubilee Street.  
Commercial Road—C. A. Schweitzer, 43; Vincy, 115; Busby Brothers, 184; Long, 234; Briggs, 244.  
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Hackney Road—Miller, 15; Wood, 103; Smith, 182; C. E. H., 443; Hammond, Goldsmith Row; Auckland, 4 Bishops Road; Vale, 4 Bonner Road.  
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Marylebone—W. Roberts, 18 Bell St., Edgware Road.

LEEDS—T. Maguire, 54 Myrtle Street.  
LIVERPOOL—Landing Stage; Stocker, 27 Vauxhall Road; Tibbs, 11 St. James Place; F. Bacon, Prescott St.  
MANCHESTER—W. Addison (Wholesale) 22 Carnarvon St., Dickens St., Queen's Road.  
NORTHAMPTON—W. Brain, 16 Little Cross St.  
OLDHAM—J. Salway, 64 Falcon St. off Ashton Road.  
OXFORD—English, 38 St. Ebbe's St.; Miss Foy, 5 The Plain, St. Clement's.

Special attention is called to the literature of the Socialist League, including a series of leaflets. No. 7, "Home Rule and Humbug," is now ready. Copies may be had on application to the secretary. Supplied for distribution at 2s. per 1000

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