

the upsetting of one "President" by another, and of internecine warfare. But, apparently, even here Socialism is beginning to spread. From Buenos Ayres a correspondent writes to the *New York Socialist*, that though weak in its infancy the movement is growing steadily. "In those towns that have larger industrial centres, like Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Ayres, Montevideo, etc., the immigrant, Socialistically-minded workmen are beginning to organise. In Buenos Ayres the Italians have formed a group, that publishes an organ, the *Questione Sociale*." The Club *Vorwartz* is also doing good work, and "now counts over a hundred members. . . . The other nationalities, Frenchmen, Spaniards, English, have not yet any Socialist associations, but, naturally, there are among them individual Socialists and Communists." This is, at any rate, a beginning.

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THE SOCIALIST LEAGUE.

SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORTS.

Farringdon Hall.—Since last report about 25,000 leaflets and 5,000 copies of "For whom shall we vote?" have been distributed. An elementary singing-class has been some time started for the purpose of instruction in the rudiments of music those desirous of forming a choir. The choir committee would now be glad if some friends more advanced in the study of music would help by joining the choir. Soprano and alto particularly wanted. Choir meets for practice on Jan. 8th and every subsequent Friday at 8 p.m. The election fever and other causes have caused a slight falling off in the attendance at our lectures. It is to be hoped, however, that with the new year, our propaganda will be carried on with renewed activity and vigour. At the general meeting on Dec. 7, the following resolution was passed:—"That this meeting of London members of the Socialist League views with indignation the action of certain members of the Social Democratic Federation in trafficking with the honour of the Socialist party, and desires to express its sympathies with that section of the body which repudiates the tactics of the disreputable clique concerned in the recent nefarious proceedings." On Saturday Dec. 5, a very successful concert and dramatic entertainment was given by Edward Aveling and other friends.

London Branches.—*Bloomsbury* has had very successful lectures and has gained five new members. It is about to engage a larger hall. Finances good, and fair sale of literature. *Hammersmith*.—Membership stationary, slight falling off in attendance at lectures, but discussions fairly good. A general meeting of members will be held at 5 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 10, to improve organisation. *Hoxton* has been working hard as usual in all possible ways. The Sunday morning Readings have proved an attractive auxiliary, and those who can spare an hour or two on Sunday mornings, can there utilise their time very pleasantly and profitably. *Marylebone*.—Open-air meetings have been held during the month both morning and evening and have been fairly successful. The sale of literature has been very good. This Branch is in want of a hall; any one who knows of one in the neighbourhood would oblige by giving particulars to the secretary either of the Branch or the League. *Merton* has increased membership and strengthened finances to report. Still carrying on two lectures a week, enlivened by an occasional concert, it cannot be reproached with inactivity. *Mile-end* carries on a very successful series of lectures and readings and is slowly gathering strength and influence. *North London* has been working well, financial position satisfactory, and membership increasing. *South London* has not reported. *Stratford* hopes soon to have an abiding-place in the club-house of the West Ham Radical Alliance, to whose members Sparling delivered a lecture by invitation on Sunday 20th Dec., on "Three Acres and a Cow," which was well received.

Provincial.—*Bradford* reports a meeting at the Newmarket Hotel, on Nov. 29, addressed by Maguire, Sclitt, and other comrades from Leeds, and a lecture on "Competition," by comrade Bland at Trinity Baptist Schools. *Dublin* sends most cheering report. Speakers from the Branch have addressed the Saturday Club on various questions. On Thursday, 17th Dec., Coulon gave an address on "The Revolution," Kavanagh, Gabriel and Fitzpatrick taking part in discussion which followed. *Edinburgh*.—Detailed report not to hand; position described as satisfactory; five meetings held during the month. *Leicester* sends interesting report of lectures by Eleanor Marx-Aveling and G. B. Shaw. The Branch is about to form a class for the study of Economics on the basis of Karl Marx, with Aveling's "Lessons" as text-book. *Leeds* reports hopefully. During the month an address has been given to a Branch of the Engineers' Union, and a debate held at the Secularist meeting-place upon Socialism v. Individualism. Our Leeds comrades claim to have made a satisfactory impression on both occasions, and intend to follow up vigorously the advantage they have gained. They welcome the arrival of our comrade Mahon to help in the good work and look hopefully forward. *Manchester* has had to suspend outdoor work owing to severe weather, but the indoor meetings have been successfully carried on. Aveling's visit stirred up a great deal of interest in our cause. He lectured to a large audience in the Forum on the "Curse of Capital." Lectures with good results have been delivered at *Royton* and good work has been done by some comrades in lecturing at the Hulme Radical Club. A connexion has been formed with Liverpool which is likely to prove beneficial. Large sale of literature. *Oxford* has held its meetings weekly and has given two public lectures which have been fairly well attended and discussed, viz., on Nov. 30, "Socialist Experiments in America," on Dec. 9, "The Theory of Population in regard to Socialism."

"THE COMMONWEAL."

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THE GUARANTEE FUND.

In September last an appeal was published asking for subscriptions to a fund to enable the *Commonweal* to be issued weekly. It was hoped that we might have been able to have commenced the year in this way, but the response to our appeal has not been sufficient to warrant such a risk at present. It has, however, been definitely resolved by the Council that when the Guarantee Fund reaches £100, the *Commonweal* shall at once be issued as a weekly. We are convinced that there are many outside our own ranks who would willingly subscribe to such an object who find it impossible in other ways to take part in our work, and we urge upon all members, friends, and sympathisers, to work strenuously for the bringing-about of this much needed extension of our educative power.

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LECTURE DIARY: January, 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. 6. E. Carpenter, "Private Property." 13. Ed. Aveling, "The Struggle for the Working Day." 20. G. B. Shaw, "Laissez Faire." 27. W. Morris, "The Political Outlook."
Concerts, etc.—On Saturday 26th Dec. at 3.30 p.m., Children's Party, with Christmas Tree, etc. On Saturday 9th Jan. and Saturday 23d Jan. at 8 p.m. there will be Music, Readings, etc. All are welcome to these Saturday Sociables. Admission free.

CLEVELAND HALL, Cleveland Street, W. (near Portland Road Station).—A grand concert and ball will be held at the above hall on January 1st 1886. Doors open at 7.30 p.m., commence at 8 p.m. Admission by programme, 6d. and 1s. It is hoped that all members and their friends will attend. The proceeds, after payment of necessary expenses, will be devoted to the propaganda of the Socialist League. Programmes can be obtained at the following places:—T. E. Wardle, 9 Charlotte Street, Bedford Square; H. H. Sparling, 13 Farringdon Road, E.C.; C. W. Mowbray, 36 Boundary Street, Shoreditch; and at Cleveland Hall, before and on the night of the concert.—T. E. WARDLE.

BRANCH MEETING ROOMS.

LONDON.

Hoxton (L. E. L.).—Exchange Coffee House, Pitfield Street, opposite Hoxton Church, N. Sundays, 11.30 a.m., Readings, etc.; 8 p.m., Lectures. Jan. 3. 11.30 a.m.; T. Westwood, "Food and Physic"; 8 p.m., H. Sparling, "The Münster Commune." 10. Morning, Readings, etc.; Evening, W. A. Chambers, "Gospel of Discontent." 17. Morning, C. Mowbray, "Political Aspect"; Evening, T. Binning, "Citizen and Subject." 24. Morning, Readings, etc.; Evening, G. Brocher, "The Familistere." 31. Morning, H. Sparling, "History and Associations of Tobacco"; Evening, W. C. Wade, "The Story of Ireland's Wrong."
Hammersmith.—Kelmscott House, 26 Upper Mall, W. Sundays at 8 p.m. Jan. 3. Edward Carpenter, "Private Property." 10. William Morris, "The Political Outlook." 17. H. H. Sparling, "The Blind Samson." 24. A. K. Donald, a lecture. 31. George Bernard Shaw, a lecture.
Marylebone.—Corner of Bell Street, Edgware Road. Sundays at 11.30 a.m.
Merton.—11 Merton Terrace, High Street. Every Sunday, 8 p.m. Jan. 3. D. Nicoll, "Charms of Civilisation." 10. G. Brocher, "The Familistere." 17. W. A. Chambers, "The Agony Column." 24. H. H. Sparling, "The Blind Samson." 31. J. Lane, "Poverty, its Cause, Result, and Cure."
Mile-end.—I. W. M. Educational Club, 40 Berner Street, Commercial Road. Tuesdays at 8 p.m. Jan. 5. H. Davis, "Are Wages drawn from Capital?" 12. R. A. Beckett, "Happiness." 19. W. A. Chambers, "The Gospel of Discontent." 26. W. C. Wade, "The Story of Ireland's Wrong."
North London.—Camden Hall, King Street, Camden Town, N. Wednesdays at 8.30 p.m.
South London.—Camberwell Radical Club, Gloucester Road, Peckham. Every Thursday at 8 p.m. Jan. 7. William Morris, "How we live and how we might live." 14. W. C. Wade, "Free Trade and Socialism." 21. R. A. Beckett, "Equality." 28. E. J. Baxter.

PROVINCIAL.

Bradford.—Laycock's Temperance Hotel, Kirkgate. Meetings every Tuesday at 8 p.m. Sympathisers invited.
Dublin.—Oddfellow's Hall, 10 Upper Abbey Street. Thursdays at 7.30.
Edinburgh (Scottish Section).—4 Park Street. Meets every Friday at 8.30.
Glasgow.—Albion Halls, College Street. Sundays at 7 p.m.
Leeds.—54, Myrtle Street. Meets every Wednesday.
Leicester.—Secular Hall, Humberstone Gate. Sundays at 3 p.m.
Manchester.—City Café, Swan Street. Meets each Tuesday at 8 p.m. Jan. 5. Parkinson, "The Gospel of Discontent." 12. Harry, "Capitalism a Curse; a plea for Socialism." 19. Morley, "The County Elections and what they teach Socialists." 26. Peach, "Liberty Equality and Fraternity." General business meeting on Monday Jan. 4, at the County Forum, at 8 o'clock.
Royton.—"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.
Regent's Park.—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.

SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC CLUB, Goldsmith Row, Hackney Road.—Lectures on Sundays at 7.45 p.m. Jan. 3. J. G. Fitzgerald, "Emigration." 10. No meeting. 17. H. M. Hyndman, "First Morning under Socialism." 24. William Morris, "Socialism." 31. A. K. Donald, "The Prophecy of Socialism."

PECKHAM AND DULWICH RADICAL CLUB, 144 Rye Lane, Peckham.—Lectures on Tuesdays at 8.30 p.m. Jan. 5. Edward Carpenter, "Spoliation of Labour." 12. William Morris, "Socialism." 19. H. H. Sparling, "The Meaning of the Revolution." 26. C. W. Mowbray, "Development of Revolutionary Ideas."

A SOCIALIST PICTURE.

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