THE REVELATION OF TRADE (?)

The promised revival of trade is long a-coming, apparently. Here are some cuttings from the Daily News of Monday, March 11, chiefly concerning the textile trades.

**Cotton Goods, Manchester.**—In the cloth market the outlook has been on the whole—full but firm; business for the larger concerns much more restricted by the uncertainties of exchange. ... The home trade is doing rather more. “Pruders” quiet. ... Business in yarns has fallen below an average in most departments.

**Woolen Goods, Leeds.**—The week’s turnover, all kinds of cloth, has been far better than expected, and is now showing no less disposition to speculate than in the Cotton trade.

**Leicester.**—In the hosery business as a whole, ... Orders are scarce, and profits narrowed by the pressure of competition, a narrow margin for machinery.

**The Boot and Shoe Trade.**—But the chief drawback—is not any despondency as to the outlook for the second quarter, which is cheerful—but the narrowness of profit owing to the activity of competition.

It is virtually a case of business as usual, ... a sorry picture: ... The trade is more or less static, ... The outlook is not encouraging.

**Traveling-trunks of the cheaper kinds are in brisk request, though the profits are limited.** The fender and fire-iron branch is rather dull.

**Sheffield.**—There is a decided check in the progress of the iron and steel trades. ... Steel makers are experiencing a rather slender demand for the best qualities. ... The production of bearing steel castings is equally to the demand, which is less boisterous since before the War, though prices remain rather better demand than for some other kinds of manufactured iron; better conditions, it is said, would be helpful.

The trades in the above cuttings are, of course, my own.

**Literary Notices.**

We have received the first items of Humanitas (Naples) organ of the Communist-Anarchists. It contains interesting articles each week by F. M. Mer- oshkin and others, is well bound up with foreign notes and so forth, and is, in short, a "good halfpenny a week."

In April Longyorn's E. Neubat is "The Ballad of Ferencz Renyi" in which, ... revolutionary incident is well, ... The book is well done in the reviewer's estimation.

In Our Corner Mrs. Beatant has an admirable reply to Mr. Bradlaugh, and there is, as usual, a good selection of readable articles.

"The Labor Problem," is a pamphlet by G. C. Clemens of Enterprise, Kan., in which the writer endeavours to show that the "socialistic" candidate [Mr. C. H. Brown. The letters of the latter are chiefly of interest as showing the strange mental contortions of an intelligent man may unconsciously commit to paper.

"An autobiographical Sketch of Spies," with notes, and reports of speeches, and portraits of himself and his noble young wife, has been pub- lished by his friends, at 20s. and may be procured from Julian Borrillo, 104-106 E. 4th St., N.Y.

"Articles of Interest to Socialists: Nineteenth Century. "Science and Pseudo-Socialism," an essay by the late P. F. Hickey; "For the Emancipation of Beasts," by Mr. W. E. Henry; "On Well-meaning Nonsense about Emigration," Osborne Morgan; "Liberal Unionism," an address by Sir Walter Crocker; "The Sociology of Crime," by W. A. Benston; "The Revolution in Trade and Draped Trades," A. Williamson. Contemporary: "The Plan of Campaign," S. Lalor. Fortnightly: "Fluctuations in Trade and Wages". Good condition and "A Landlord's Advertisements," by W. A. Benston. It is not assumed that every article given in this list from time to time is thereby praised. Some are so included, but some for their foolishness and some for their dishonesty; but all in some way are of interest.

**Meeting of Working Men in Ypsilanti.**—On Monday a great meeting of working men was held here. It was a very strong revolutionary opinions, expressed so much that almost every speaker was stopped in the middle of his speech by the police who were present. The congratulatory telegrams from the provincial associations were of so extreme a nature that they were not allowed to be read out.