SOCIALLY CAMPAIGN IN THE NORTH.

On March 9 I got to Nantwich, and lectured to the Socialist Discussion Society in the town hall. This society has started some time ago by some of the members of the Nantwich Peace of the Fabian Society, and has been bringing the first fruits of its labours. I have always fancied in the views I look of Socialism and the labour movement. On March 3 I went to Backworth in Northumberland. On March 4 I appeared in the new town of Blackpool. The Blackpool Socialist very well indeed, and were anxious to hear more about it. On Sunday March 9 addresses were made at Northampton, Banbury, and Radnor. These meetings have been successful. The hope of the mining population in Durham and Northumberland is very trying just now. In Northumberland 20,000 men are on strike against a reduction of five per cent. on their wages. This has been going on for three weeks, and it is a hard thing to bear the losses that are occurring. The miners are determined and hopeful, but it is far from certain that they will succeed. The combination against them is powerful and well organised. At the same time, however, there is a good chance of turning the strike, by the favourable movement which is in progress in other districts.

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The breach between the miners and their leaders is widening, and long before it is too late, we shall see the whole of the movement in the North ruptured and destroyed. And there is much need for alteration. I was told by some of the leading men here that the miners were better off now than they had ever been before, and that there were more men employed than there were a few years ago. This is true, but it is only a partial truth. The miners are getting less in wages, and their standard of living is lower than it was before. The result of this is that the miners are less content, and are more likely to be led into the hands of the right leaders, who are trying to mislead them.

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RIOTOUS BEHAVIOUR OF POLICE IN HYDE PARK.

Last Sunday, Hyde Park was made the scene of another scandalous attempt on the part of the police to create a riot. The usual meetings were being held near the entrance of the park, and some trouble was anticipated. But the police, instead of using the necessary force, actually gave the crowd a free hand, and the people were allowed to proceed as they pleased. It must be understood the way was quite open to all who desired to pass through, so it was not the case of some of the police to interfere at all. If they wished the path to be kept clear, the proper way was to have asked the speakers to invite those who wished to listen to them to come inside the railway, and to keep the crowd outside. This is a very simple and easy way, and it is easy to see there is a strong feeling in our favour. I have worked quite hard at this, and I am sure the country would be much better off for it.

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