what ostentatious (or rather the liquor in him did) and was run in by the door; not worth mentioning. Our comrades were vexed and indignant that the Norwich Napkiners gave him a month next day, our comrades by no means wishing to bring the law down on their opponents. In the evening Burrows and Mainwaring spoke again in the Market Place to a large audience, and Morris lectured (on Monopoly) at the Gordon Hall, which was as full as it would hold. No opposition could be seen; and it was clear that the majority of the audience were really Socialists. On the Monday Burrows, Mainwaring, and Morris spoke in the Market Place in the dinner hour; the audience was again large for a week-day, and did not break up till 2.30, having listened eagerly all the time. Burrows and Mrs. Beattie told Old man's mustard works, in the dinner hour, and had a large and satisfactory audience, mostly composed of the workmen and girls, Mrs. Beattie observing that hearers of the lecture that day was in the Market Place at 6.30. Burrows, Mainwaring, and Morris speaking.

The meetings ended with Mrs. Beattie's lecture in St. Augustine's School, a large room somewhat on the outskirts of the town, to which we had been driven by the refusal of the large halls in the town. This place was crammed by an eager audience, who took up every point in the lecture, which, though both eloquent and clear, would have been hard to follow by a non-Socialist who had not studied the question. The answering of the questions also which were put gave occasion to the audience to show that they appreciated the points, and certainly except for a few respectable who honoured us with their presence, there would have been but few present who were not thoroughly sympathetic.

The press, both Liberal and Tory, reported all our proceedings fully, and considering all things, quite as fairly as could be expected. In considering the audience one thing other than the fact that we failed to attract an audience that, in some respects, I have been struck with an air of eagerness and receptiveness, which shows that the propagand is doing its work. The audiences do not come to stare or listen;

The impression which Socialism has thus made in a place not very important, nor specially progressive, is the result of sheer hard work on the part of our comrades, who are all quite poor men, and have no influence but what the street will give them. How can we help them. What has been done there can be done elsewhere if only men will devote themselves to the propagand.

Our comrades are in trouble at Yarmouth. The week before this demonstration, comrade Poynts was summoned for speaking on the Church Plain in that town, though we had held meetings there for long, and though a religious meeting was being held at the same time. Our comrades are holding the Socialist one. The comrade was in prison for a month for this terrible 'offence' of free speaking, and as this is clearly a piece of mere persecution of opinion, it is to be hoped that all parties who have any feeling for freedom will back up our friends, who are fighting the battle of free speech for all honest men both in the present and the future.

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YARMOUTH AND FREE SPEECH.

For some considerable time the Norwich branch has been holding very successful meetings every week and, which are considerably increasing in number, much to the annoyance of the bourgeois class at Yarmouth, and the summons of the bells of the huge tower of St. Peter Mancroft. The “Army” having done speaking, moved away with its band, which presently came into the place, but with few followers, and the coming of another band of gospelers had no influence on the meeting except to swell it somewhat. Before 6 o'clock there must have been fully ten thousand persons closely packed round the waggonette. The comrade being called up now and proving Master in the art, which Herbert and Mrs. Beattie claim duly patricular, and the business began. A resolution in favour of the abolition of private property had been prepared, which was moved by Herbert Burrows, who having told the audience that some five or six years ago he lectured on Socialism in Norwich to an audience of five persons. His clear and telling speech was well received. Mrs. Beattie followed, and was received with much enthusiasm. Morris supported, and the resolution was referred to the committee for further consideration, and was passed on behalf of the members of the branch.

His Share.—A good story appears in the Times of Natal. According to that journal a well-known broker was slumbering in church the other Sunday during the sermon. The preacher, in a burst of eloquence, said, and what we are to have as our prospects of this transaction. The slumber broker was partially aroused by the loud tones, and to the horror of those near him, he ejaculated, "a thousand and one." The following appeal to Staffordshire Unionists was lately posted extensively on the North Staffordshire embodiments—Union meetings were held at Francis Street Public Meeting, on Eog, 16 July, 1888. To be addressed by Captain Edwards Heathcote, M.P., etc. There will be the following attractions: Two bands, firework display, athletic sports and games for women without refreshments, and for the first time in the five or six days afterwards, the programme of which included a captive balloon, an ox roasted whole, races, dancing, swimming, and a good many other like things, while NO STREET was a conspicuous line on the bill! A. T. S.