We have had another anniversary lately; that of the fall of Khartoum and the death of the general of the Christian商业化ists—Gordon, to wit. It is to be supposed that as long as it is convenient to remember him and his virtues we shall have them dinned into our ears. But whatever they may have been, or however amiable they may have made him to his friends, do not let us forget that he was the general of these pests of the world, and that he had to carry on war as war—that is to say by means of slaughter and destruction—and that slaughter and destruction carried on wholesale in a bad cause is murder of the worst kind: murder, the evil consequences of which are hard to foresee or measure. The Fall of Khartoum was a victory of the oppressed; and whatever Gordon might have been had he been fighting for the good of the world, as it was he fell not as a martyr to a great cause, but as an instrument of oppression whom fate at last thrust aside.

The acceptance of Boulanger's triumph as a victory for monarchism can only come of ignorance or impudence: of course the various openly reactionary factions would vote for their champion, but it is now notorious even to our ablest press that the votes which have returned the General; and that a great mass of Socialists have voted for him simply to be used as a stick wherewith to beat the opportunists, and the worse the man is the properer for that purpose, for the easier he will be to throw away when he is done with. That is their view, but undoubtedly it is a dangerous game to play; surely they had better have voted for Boulanger, and thus have registered themselves definitely as revolutionists along with men like Vaillant. It is strange, too, that they should have forgotten the extra-forcible part which Boulanger's regiment played amidst those who massacred the Common.

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Comrade Hobart, who put up as a candidate in one of the divisions of St. Pancras, deserves our sympathy. The Star announces that he wasn't only defeated because he was advanced, but that he was "rather too much so." This means, I suppose, that he did not drop his principles sufficiently to please the respectable householders of St. Pancras. How this goes to confirm what Plaxton said about his votes would be very good. Perhaps they have returned the General; and that a great mass of Socialists have voted for him simply to be used as a stick wherewith to beat the opportunists, and the worse the man is the properer for that purpose, for the easier he will be to throw away when he is done with. That is their view, but undoubtedly it is a dangerous game to play; surely they had better have voted for Boulanger, and thus have registered themselves definitely as revolutionists along with men like Vaillant. It is strange, too, that they should have forgotten the extra-forcible part which Boulanger's regiment played amidst those who massacred the Commune.

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Comrade Hobart is to be commended for his honesty; but he may be advised to drop the electioneering business for the future. He is plainly not suited for it.

Our valued contemporary, the Star, went into ecstatics upon the attainment of its first year of existence. With the modesty so characteristic of its eminent editor, it spent two columns in singing its own praises. Among other good things two numerous to mention, it recounts that "Thanks to our efforts, the stupid ostracism of the Socialists has come to an end; and on their side, too, Socialist organisations have abandoned much of the wild talk, the viewy sims, the impracticable methods which they inherited from German sources."

It will be news to German Socialists to hear that they are noted for "their wild talk," etc. If Socialism had come from T. P.'s own beloved country it might be understood. But how do our State Socialists relish T. P.'s assertion that "He", by the seductive blarney of a countryman of O'Connell's, has converted them from "raving revolution" to the mild paths of constitutional agitation! We can imagine indignant denials from some of them; but let that pass.

What I want to deal with particularly is the "stupid ostracism" of the Socialists by I, presume, the respectable Liberal party. We ought, it seems, to be thankful to T. P. for providing us with an introduction to respectability. But, unfortunately, the stupid ostracism has gone the other way. The Daily News, for instance, which boycotts the very mention of any Socialist meeting, and its example is copied by one or two Radical journals I could name.

This was not so a few years back, when the News and these other papers looked upon Socialism as a mild form of lunacy, to be treated
THE MANCHESTER MARTYRS.

Those who have listened with quickened pulse to the spirited war-song, "God Save Ireland" must often have wondered who were the "unhappy Irishmen" whom we see depicted as being bravely and stoutly marching in the streets of Dublin with the STAR (Mit. 8, N. 21). It is proposed to have a look behind the scenes, and to tell the story of the Irish MARTYRS who were brought to Manchester. It is an instructive and edifying story, and I venture to think that the Manchester public will be interested in it. It is true that the public is far from being in the habit of losing time in reading about the trials and sufferings of the Irishmen, but I venture to think that we shall find the public interested in the sufferings of our fellow-countrymen.

The trial of the Irishmen was one of the most important and interesting that has taken place in the last few years. The trial was held in the Manchester Assizes, and the defendants were charged with having committed various acts of sedition and insurrection. The defendants were all men of education and ability, and they were represented by some of the best lawyers in the country. The trial was conducted with great fairness and impartiality, and the justice of the decision was universally acknowledged.

In the course of the trial, the defence counsel made a very spirited and able speech, in which he endeavored to prove that the defendants had committed no acts of sedition or insurrection. He argued that the defendants were merely engaged in a struggle for liberty and independence, and that their actions were the natural result of the oppression and persecution to which they were subjected.

The prosecution counsel, on the other hand, made a very strong and effective speech, in which he endeavored to prove that the defendants were guilty of all the crimes with which they were charged. He argued that the defendants had committed acts of sedition and insurrection, and that their actions were calculated to disturb the peace and order of the country.

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