



HAVE YOU NOT HEARD HOW IT HAS GONE WITH MANY A CAUSE BEFORE NOW: FIRST, FEW MEN HEED IT; NEXT, MOST MEN CONTEMN IT; LASTLY, ALL MEN ACCEPT IT—AND THE CAUSE IS WON

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NOTICE.

Comrade Kropotkin wishes it to be announced that the lectures on Social Evolution, which were to have been given in the South Kensington Town Hall, will not now be delivered. Some misapprehension having arisen as to the circumstances under which they were being promoted, Kropotkin, who wished to give an exposition of Socialism in the interest of society only, has declined to proceed with them.

NOTES ON NEWS.

Few people who have watched the course of what is called "justice" in the present day, and especially Sir Peter Edlin's administration of it, will have expected anything like what justice is poetically supposed to be from the Clerkenwell Sessions House when presided over by that legal luminary; but even those who have read of the case in the ordinary reports of the daily papers, will be a little startled at the disgraceful sentence passed by Edlin on our comrades of Berner Street.

It seems that Edlin is so pleased with himself, that he is going to ask the County Council to raise his salary by £500. The Star suggests

very appropriately that they might so far take his request into consideration as to lower it by that amount. For, after all, is Sir Peter really earning his salary? from his employer's point of view I mean. The "law" or "administration of justice," or whatever else you call it, is at its best such a cruel instrument of oppression against the poor, that those servants of it, the judges, would best serve the interests of the ruling classes that employ them, who should carry on their vile office with an affectation at least of moderation and fairness. The game of the masters of Society at present is to get people to say, "Well, the system has its blemishes, but you see it doesn't work so ill. Let it alone!"

But men like Edlin are resolved, it seems, to prove that the system is all blemishes; to make it clear to poor people that the law is their enemy. He seems determined to carry on the tradition of the police-courts after Bloody Sunday, and to show those that are discontented with their share of the wealth of the country (all kicks and no half-pence), that to be accused by a policeman is to be condemned by the Court, and that the boasted liberty of Englishmen is only meant to apply to those who have property to back it.

In fact, "too much zeal" is surely injuring the usefulness, to their employers the upper classes, of some of our judges. The other day Sir Peter Edlin pointed out to the public the abuses of our law courts in the matter of judge-directed verdicts, by an unsuccessful attempt to bully a jury into accepting his view of the evidence instead of carrying out the spirit of their oath by insisting on their view. This again was a very poor service to render to the votaries of law-'n'-order.

In short, if the County Council do raise Sir Peter Edlin's salary, they will surely do so in virtue of their sympathies with Revolution, and consider him as a revolutionary agent to be encouraged in his present course; so that at last people will find that the whole thing is unbearable, that the very air they breathe is so corrupted by tyranny and oppression that it stifles them.

Mr. John Morley took some pains at Newcastle the other day to pronounce against the eight hour's movement. Whatever our views as Socialists may be as to the value of this movement (and I amongst others think it will prove illusory), Mr. Morley means by pronouncing against it to pronounce against Socialism, and against the Socialist-Radical movement as led by the Star. That paper considers Mr. Morley's disclaimer as courageous on his part; but I don't know. All it means is that he has cast up the pros and cons as to the effect to be produced on his election on the one hand, and his position as a claimant for Mr. Gladstone's shoes on the other, and has come to the conclusion that it will be better for him to run the small risk of the Socialist vote at Newcastle, rather than involve himself in an alliance with the Progressive Radicals, and be suspected of Socialist tendencies. The time is not yet come when a statesman can get beyond Whiggery. Will it ever come?

The Pall Mall Gazette has taken up the cause of the Primrose Ladies with such fervour, that one may hope it is so blinded with enthusiasm as not to perceive that at the best that valuable institution is furthering the emancipation of Ladies, not of women. For otherwise, judging by this and other articles (notably a long-winded essay by that very hard-shell Radical, Admiral Maxse), one must say of it that it is becoming almost too fair for journalistic war, and shows signs of being on the verge of conversion by Balfour's heroism and Salisbury's "sweet reasonableness." W. M.

It will be our own fault if in our own land society is not organised upon a new foundation.—Miss Sedgwick.

There are many in the world whose whole existence is a makeshift, and perhaps the formula which would fit the largest number of lives, is "a doing without, more or less patiently."—George Eliot.

NOTE FROM LEICESTER.—We have had John Burns here lately, and we hope to see him again in about a month. LECTURED twice on a Sunday. Grand audiences; Secular Hall filled in the afternoon (an astonishing thing). Tea provided in the hall after the noon lecture. About thirty Socialists and their friends sat down. One friend had come twelve miles. At the evening lecture—"Past, Present, and Future of Trades Unionism"—Burns attacked Bradlaugh and the labour leaders, Broadhurst and Howell; predicting, by virtue of his being behind the scenes and seeing what's what, defection of the first-named, and accusing the others of corruption by the capitalists. Being charged himself with taking money from the Tories at Nottingham at the time of his candidature, he replied in a short history of the affair, giving the name of the gentleman (a chairman of a Liberal Association in Liverpool) who furnished the money alleged to be "Tory gold," and which Burns used to defray the expenses of a Socialist programme and propaganda. The lecture, which was not so witty as the afternoon one, on "Modern Poverty: Cause, Effect, Remedy," was solid, and called forth letters in the local press—remonstrances and denials on the part of the people charged, and reply by Burns. For the first time, our Branch cleared all expenses and had a few shillings to the good. Burns's style just hits the popular taste. He is neither pedantic, nor too grammatical. His powers were recognised in the audience's bursts of applause and ringing laughter. A visit or two from him to any tottering Branch is calculated to put it straight and firm. A London Fabian recommended Burns to us, and a local Fabian paid his personal expenses. When a member of one section (Fabian) pays for a member of another section (S.D.F.) to lecture for the benefit of a third section (S.L.), it ought to shut our enemies' mouths about our contradicting and excluding one another.—T. B.