tyranny of that false Society that enthralls us; especially when we know that the day of its doom is near, and that its poor victims, languishing on the mood of one not very wise man—the Home Secretary, to wit.

"Whatever these boys are, they were made by the man whom they murdered," said a witness; and it is no wonder that the writer knows nothing of the subject. Nothing! Well, very little!—so little as to make his article amusing, where, if he had known a little more, it might have been offensive. He has "small faith in the so-called Christian Socialism, such as that advocated by the Rev. Stewart Headlam," which "protests too much and will never be believed in as being sincere." He is also clear about Socialism being "mostly atheistic." But even he can see that "riches cannot be thus [as they are] enormously accumulated where honest wages are paid for labour, nor can men so numerous starve where toll is adequately remunerated."

"Except amongst extreme Socialists, there is, as yet, no defined Socialist programme before us." Well, we of the Commonweal are "extreme Socialists," our withers are unwrung; but we may point out to our clerical critic that this saying is a hard one upon the Socialists. For you need only to take a survey of the pages of the newspapers and periodicals which our Socialists, who have devoted much time and labour to 'programmes,' "It is not necessary," says he, "nor exactly possible at the present stage, to define what Socialism is, wherefore we need not detain ourselves by an attempt to do so."

"How can we tell what Socialism is?" I think you could determine one moral of such a "determined" himself by it may be seen when he adds, "It is enough to say that with the majority of its advocates it is not Communism." To this we can only return that when we read the Rock writer are Christians who reject the Creed, we will talk of Socialists who are not believers in Communism.

"We also judge that for the moment it [Socialism] aims more at equality in land-ownership than in personality [!], but it is much too logical to accept ultimately such limitation." And now the whites of his eyes roll heavier than ever. "There is, however, one very deep and lasting tradition in the present attitude which we cannot overlook, and that is its violent character. In some quarters this is almost nihilist: almost, only!—dear, dear [!] in most it leads to strong language and to rough manners. The treatment which the courageous Bishop Barry has met with at the Lambeth Baths, if it has been accurately described in the papers, reflects no credit upon his opponents." It certainly was not an inspiriting spectacle, the way in which the soup-and-blanket brigade tried to bow down the daring Socialists. We are sorry, Bishop Barry, that it was not the Bishop, who has discovered the manner of moral and thus "determined" himself by it may be seen when it is added, "It is enough to say that with the majority of its advocates it is not Communism." To this we can only return that when we read the Rock writer are Christians who reject the Creed, we will talk of Socialists who are not believers in Communism.

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Let him remember also that Christians were very inconsiderate "irritable" people when they really believed in Christianity; they did not calmly sit by and see a man going to hell without trying to turn him back, even if they had to burn him alive in order to do so. We do not only see people going to a future hell, but in a present one, and with nothing to prevent it. "It is an old proverb that when a W.C. says, 'there is no other highway,' and it is difficult to make them see the way out. Christian or no man, the man who would induce them to lie still, and, without looking for the Land of Beasts, would deny its existence—this man is an enemy, and must be fought.

This Socialist movement which men "fear in high places and are afraid of in the streets," will have to be met in bolder fashion and with a larger weapon than our forefathers brought to bear. They are hopefully behind the time. Four years ago (Commonweal No. 30, Aug. 7, 1886) we dealt with an article by a Roman Catholic divine who was far and away ahead of our Anglican critics. He said then (as he said then, we believe, in the same column) and our reply. If at the same time they indulged in a general reading-up of the subject, it would be better. They could then return to the charge.

In the discussion by the County Council the other day of a proposal..."