

THE LABOUR LEAFLET.

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The Ploughmen's Club ; The Scottish Socialist School and Union — Programme.

The Ploughmen's Club and co-affiliated Socialist Union, Mutual and Social Improvement Society has been founded and DEMANDS shorter hours of labour. The just value of the labours performed. The right of access to and the use of the land. That the rent of land and the land itself with all its contents shall become the inalienable property of the community instead of the private property of individuals. Money. A National system of circulation, not borrowed but state supplied on labour value.

AIM. — The aim is to realize SOCIALISM — *i.e.* "a condition of Society in which wealth will be enjoyed by those who produce it — also at removing all special privileges and conditions whatever, that make it possible for an idle class to exist. Fabius did — "For the right moment wait, when warring against Hannibal, but when the time came, he was in readiness."

MEANS. — order to be ready to gain the above objects and prepare to allow the AIM to be made or become practicable, it is necessary that the workers be unitedly ripened under UNION, and thereby obtain control of the political power of the State. As MEANS to that end the following measures are expedient, viz :—

Are you in favour of —

Adult suffrage ? One Man one Vote ? No fagot voting ?

Payment of Members and official expenses at elections ?

Triennial Parliaments ?

Legislative Independence for all National parts of the British Dominions ?

The creation of an Agricultural Board with necessary sub-branches ?

The abolition of all Hereditary Authority ?

The reduction of the hours of labour to eight or less ?

The people to decide on -peace or war by direct vote ?

A practical system of abolition of land monopoly, so as those who could make the land most productive would have the freedom of doing so, for the advantage of all ?

NOTICE. — All the above means or measures of freedom is adopted by one or other of the Liberal Members of Parliament; but Mr Cunningham Graham is the only Member who as yet is able to adopt the whole without vomiting and again eating his views.

Members wanted. Plank your fellowship. Be not your own enemy. Get up Branches.

What Socialism Is!

The command "Six days shalt thou labour" to apply to every person who has health of body and mind.

Every one to have a fair share of leisure; but no person to live a whole life of useless idleness upon rent or interest, no healthy adult to receive wealth for which he has not worked, and the worker to be secured in the enjoyment of that which he has earned. No monopoly of education and culture for: those who tax the worker by living on interest and rent.

English Workers pay to Landlords and Capitalists no less than £1400,000,660 a year for permission to use that land which God gave, and those appliance or machines which past generations made. Hence the prevailing poverty and distress! In making this estimate a full deduction has been made for such labour of superintendence as is done by Landlords and Capitalists.

THE MARQUIS OF SALISBURY ON SOCIALISM.

"Socialism in that sense" (one of those various senses in which the term had been used by Wemyss) "is an adaptation of the power and resources of the State to the benefit of the most needy class of society." — Daily Telegraph, August 1st 1885.

THOMAS CARLYLE ON RENT.

"Consider it, look at it! The widow is gathering nettles for her children's dinner; a perfumed Seigneur, delicately lounging in the (*Eil-de-Bauf*, hath an alchemy whereby he will extract from her the third nettle, and name it Rent and Law : such an arrangement must end. Ought it not? But, O most fearful is *such* an ending*! Lot those, to whom God, in his mercy, has granted time and space, prepare another and milder one." — *Carlyle's History of the French Revolution, Book VI Chap. III*

* The Author here refers to a forcible Revolution'

THE LAW OF GOD AS TO WORK.

"Six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work." — *Exodus XX. 9.*

For even when we were with you, this we commanded you; that if any would not work neither should he eat "— *Saint Paul's second Epistle to the Thessalonians, III. 10.*

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