

THE LABOUR LEAFLET.

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(1) ALYTH. — Æfff The Ploughmen's Club and Socialist Union is on the move. Branches are being formed. To begin with there will probably be timidity, but by and by members will gather courage if there happens to be aspirations enough to give encouragement.

Whenever there is desire shown the Committee of any Branch will be open to arrange meetings or prepare leaflets to have questions of social reform discussed for advance of mental culture thereon to effect a more general intelligence. Where general intelligence is a wanting practical effort cannot be made to promote ameliorations. The remedy thereof is — upset or abolish the cause, namely — lack of unity and intelligence based from the labour point of view.

(2) Male and Female Farm Servants, in a general majority, rather than bother doing anything to gain redress for their grievances, express deep feeling of disgust, to get away from their occupation if they could find any other means of getting a living. Is it not considered that thousands of persons suffer by the displacements from agricultural labour? Concern, perplexity, and much iniquity is occasioned, and immoral unsociality result therefrom.

(3) Average Income for the United Kingdom is said, authentically, to be about č140 a year per adult man. Wealth is so unfairly divided, that one man gets č1,000,000 a year, whether he work none or sleep, another only č25 a year though he toils on from morning till night, or from being able to work till down in infirmity. A public servant of the State will get č3 an hour for acting — 9 without it tailó while an honest workman, sometimes with a deep grudge, gets a pittance of 4d an hour with much broken time unavoidable.

(4) Machinery, through monopoly, ingenuity, science, and cunning is supplanting large numbers of people depending on hard or physical and mental skilled labour. Working people do not make progress enough in lessening physical or to put it in other words, do not in custom get hours of labour shortened, or on the other hand letting those who toil none, advance to great advantage, in increased idleness, and extravagant superfluties by having monopolies, &c.

(5) THE PLOUGHMEN'S CLUB — SOCIAL INFLUENCE PROGRAMME.

Are you in favour of —

A 9 hours working day, instead of 10 being the custom?

Ans. —

No other duties or odd jobs except attendance on horses?

Ans. —

Saturday half-holiday during June and July months?

Ans. —

Every person interested, open to adoption of change, above interrogated, is invited to become acquainted with this Society.

Farmers willing to concede these meliorations can make intimation by answering this leaflet. Private engagements could be arranged for under the auspices of the Ploughmen's Club.

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The Bible, the Land of the People.

If any would not work, neither should he eat. II THESSALONIANS'S III. 10.

"The Lord standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the people. The Lord will enter into judgment with the ancients of his people, and the prince thereof: for ye have eaten up the vineyard : the spoil of the poor is in your houses. What mean ye that ye beat my people to pieces, and grind the faces of the poor? faith the Lord God of hosts." — *Ijaiah* III 13-15

"They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity. The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money : yet will they lean upon the Lord, and say, Is not the Lord among us ? none evil can come upon us." — *Micah* III 10, 11.

"And if thy brother be waxen poor, and fallen in decay with thee ; then thou shalt relieve him . . . Thou shalt not give him thy money upon usury, nor lend him thy victuals for increase." — *Leviticus* XXV. 35, 37.

"Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither rob him : the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning." — *Lev.* XIX. 13,

"Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth : and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth." — *James* V. 4.

"Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and that write grievousness which they have prescribed ; to turn aside the needy from judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the fatherless!" — *Ijaiah* X. 1, 2.

"Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no place, that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth !" — *Ijaiah* V, 5.

"For they knew not to do right, faith the Lord who foretold violence and robbery in their palaces." — *Amos* III. 10.

"My ion, defraud not the poor of his living, and make not the needy eyes to wait long." — *Ecclesiastes* IV. 1.

"For if he curie thee in the bitterness of his soul, his prayer shall be heard of him that made him." — *Eccle* IV. 6.

"So I returned, and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun : sad behold the tears of lack as were oppressed, and they had no comforter ; and on the side of their oppressors there was power ; but they had no comforter." — *Ecclesiastes* IV. 9.

"Deliver him ; that suffereth wrong from the hand of the oppressor ; and be not fainthearted when thou findest in judgment." — *Eccle* IV. 9.

THOMAS CARLYLE, ON RENT : — "*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.*"

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