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## WHAT THE WAGE-WORKER BRINGS TO MARKET

BY WILFRED GRIBBLE

The subject of Socialism is so vast that no man can know the whole of it. Students of Socialism should aim at acquiring the most important phases. The most important are those which are likely to impress themselves on the workers the deepest and likeliest, in consequence, to wake them up the quickest.

Now, what are "fair wages"? "Fair wages" are what ever the workers can get. If their wages go down that is "fair." "Unions must be useless, then," some may say. "If it all depends on the market." Oh, no, for the unions themselves, are composed of men who have been forced to combine by a more or less intelligent comprehension of the laws they are subject to as sellers of labor-power, through a realization that by combining they can manifest greater power to conserve and maintain their interests in some degree (as sellers) under those laws. When the demand for labor-power is increased, it is able to force its price (wages) a little quicker, though it would go up anyway. When the demand for labor-power is decreasing they are enabled to prevent its price sinking so rapidly as it would if they were not combined.

What have the workers to sell? Not coal, though they dig it. Not houses, though they build them. Not food, though they grow it.

The very fact that the unions are in existence, is a proof that there is some use for them, but let it be distinctly understood, that they are themselves produced by the market, or, in other words, that the unions are in the same position as other bodies of men who have a similar commodity to sell, who combine to force up the price as much as possible in a rising market, and to prevent the price sinking as much as they can in a falling market.

The worker has labour-power which he can sell for sale. As every member of society gets his living by selling something, the worker must have something for sale, so what has he to sell? He has labour-power, the active intelligent factor which produces the one of the two factors in production that has the power of producing a greater value than its own.

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Labour-power is what and only what, the working class, as a whole have to sell.

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## THE COMING OF THE CHINESE NATION

The end of the Chinese revolution is now in sight. Hostilities may continue but the revolution is accomplished. The old order is dead beyond recuperation. Whoever wins, Capitalism, the bourgeois element in preparing to reap the fruits of victory, and the proletarians are slated for the ditch. Whether the form of government is to be a republic or a limited monarchy, the substance of it is going to be capitalist rule, with all the latest improvements.

The philosophy and ideals of the French Revolution were founded upon the "Rights of Man." Those of the Chinese revolution are a stage further advanced and include sentiments of a Socialist and a Communist flavor, and a vague acknowledgement of the Rights of Labor. The outcome of the French Revolution was the establishment of Capitalism in its primitive form. The Chinese revolution is being outspiced by the Rights of Property. The outcome of the Chinese revolution will be similar except that capitalism is now in its most advanced instead of its most primitive form. The struggle for the emancipation of the Chinese people from Manchu domination is for the emancipation of Chinese capital from the restraints of outgrown institutions. Capitalist society in China is about to burst its bonds of indentment. The Bird of Freedom has just upon the Dragon's Egg and hatched the Goose that lays the Golden Egg. The Rights of Labor? Why, yes, labor will be given the Right to Work—when it can.

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## "BACK TO THE LAND" AS A SOLUTION

What a thrill of life goes through one at the sound of this cry which is being thrust forward from all sides as being the solution to all our ills. The question of poverty and unemployment. But stay, let us reflect long. The question of poverty and unemployment gradually vanish and in its place will be confronted with cold, hard facts.

Up to the present our machinery has played but a small part in agriculture, in fact all the work attendant upon the cultivation of the soil has been carried on by the labor of men and animals. Now, however, a great deal of attention is being given to inventing and improving all kinds of agricultural machinery, which is having exactly the same effect as the introduction of scientific machinery in the other branches of industry, i.e., through large numbers of both men and women on the slave labor market.

Let us suppose we own a tract of land and sufficient funds to purchase some tools and other necessary labor, our object being the raising of a crop. Well, after five years of steady, hard work we manage to get our land in good shape and on perhaps a paying basis, when along comes a representative of capital, not a hundred dollars or so, but a thousand dollars. This wheedling proposition looks good to him, so he buys a large amount of acreage, the labor power of soil cultivators, also the most up-to-date machinery.

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## PAUPERS AND PRISONERS IN LONDON, ENGLAND

(By Philip Frankford)

Half of the wealth of Britain is held by one-fifth part of the whole population. Out of every thousand people of the "sun-never-sets" empire, 221 die without leaving any property worth mentioning.

class shall work unaided, as one huge family, so that all shall produce and all shall receive of the fruits of that production, and idlers shall be no more.

In London alone 1,292,737, or 77.5 per cent of the population, get less than 21 shillings per week. In the richest city in the world 99, 630 are in workhouses, prisons or reformatories and 3,215,000 live in overcrowded dwellings. Further in this England of "ours" ten millions are beyond the verge of starvation and twenty millions always poor and, therefore, we cannot exaggerate the world's misery under capitalism. These items prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that there are two distinct nations, rich and poor; and the latter is a large majority.

LETTER EXPLAINS LEFARGUE DEATH

PARIS Dec. 18th.—A letter given out here, stating that the cause of the dramatic suicide of Paul Lafargue, the well known Socialist writer of France, who with his wife, a daughter of Karl Marx, chose to meet death by a hypodermic injection of cyanhydrin acid rather than fall a victim to the sorrows of old age. The letter asserts that famous Socialist writer and his wife did not end their lives in a moment of disgust with life, but that their suicide was the result of a carefully conceived plan arranged ten years ago.

Division of Wealth Continues. But statistics could also be brought forward to show that the rich are yearly becoming richer and the poor poorer. Or, rather let us put it in this way: A fringe of the population are year by year becoming possessors of an income and yet more wealth produced by the workers. On the other hand seven-eighths of the whole population are becoming poorer. Wealth which belongs to the whole nation is stolen by the drones from the social bees.

"I die with the supreme joy of knowing that the cause to which I devoted myself for forty-five years will soon triumph."

In every walk of life the chance for the worker to better himself is ever becoming poorer. Twenty years ago it was not a rare thing for a shop assistant to save enough out of his wages to start for himself as an employer to employ a man. He would be open a small business and after a short time he would be assured of a small but adequate living for himself.

Long live Communism! Long live Communist Socialism! Lafargue and his wife, according to Dr. Longuet's nephew, lived up to the extreme theories advocated by Dr. Oster and other noted French scientists. Both were gifted with great strength of character and both of all these were of perfectly sound minds.

It is exactly what has happened in all other branches of industry, and right now we are beginning to hear the cry of the small business which, to the Socialists, does not sound sufficiently enticing for us to rush "back to the land."

Although Lafargue was supposed to draw large profits from the sale of the work of Karl Marx, as well as his own, was never a man of any considerable means. Ten years ago he inherited from his father £11,600, which at that time constituted his entire fortune. The idea of investing the money at interest never entered his mind.

Capitalist farming is the order of the day and the owners of the capital, no matter where they may be retiring, can still rake in all the profits which have been created by the labor of the slaves who are raising "right" products on THEIR LAND. Now think!

MOORE JAW RELECTION FUND. Contributions received from the following: A Real Red... \$1.00 Y. Whitmore, Alameda... 1.00 B. V. Jones, Watford... 1.00 E. N. Crandall, Shoreline... .25 Claude Swan, Shellbrook... .50 Total... \$4.75 To these Comrades, L. BUDDEN.

Under Socialism we would all produce. There would not be stop production in any useful article without exception had an abundance. These are some of the reasons why we are Socialists.

Quite a few persons are making resolutions for the New Year. Resolutions don't accomplish anything but if you've got a note book put a few resolutions like these down:

Commercialism is destroying life. It is a system of life-destroying. Even the rich are not benefiting by their riches; for their days are spent to a great extent in watchful care and a certain amount of anxiety, lest they lose their ill-gotten gains; besides, their lives are artificial and spent apart from nature. They are (as well as the poor) attacked by maladies for which the conditions under which we live are directly responsible. Very well, then, Socialists are out to hand the disease called capitalism. Socialism means that the whole people shall own the means of life and work the same co-operatively for the equal good of all and not as now for the enrichment of a few. This means that all classes and class distinctions will be forever abolished. Socialism does not stand for an autocratic government (like the present) that shall work everything on the same line as they now do, but for a democracy; it means the whole people, and not a governing

## NO ORDERS.

Cambridge bar mill and sheet mill both have been shut down indefinitely. Senneville's sheet mill is closed, all but the sales department, with the remainder of the hands. One of the Illinois Steel Company's mills at South Chicago has shut down on account of no orders, throwing 3000 men out of work. The closing of this mill necessitates the closing of the Senneville plant, which supplies the pig iron from which the steel is made, and also at least two blast furnaces will be shut down. The reason given for the shut down of the rail mill is, that since the railroads were not allowed to raise their rates they have cancelled construction work in order to save the usual dividends—Senneville (Onto), Socialist.

## THE HORRORS OF PEACE.

During the last twenty years 20,000 millions were killed and 50,000 injured in the United States. This makes all the American wars during that period look like Sunday school picnic. The steel Carnegie still has the nerve to use \$10,000,000 of the money which these miners bled in their blood for the promotion of "peace." Millions are still allied with the steel business. Reliable statistics on the number killed in the actual manufacture of steel are not available. The steel trust has no time to waste on keeping track of its dead.

## Speaking of employment in America.

Speaking of employment in America, William Hard of Everybody's Magazine recently said: "For every man who does not want work there are seven who cannot get it. There are 100,000 more jobs in the industry of New York State in October than there are in January in any year. Even if all the men employed in October are competent, industrious and sober, 100,000 of them must be dropped in January."

"The one job left is when we say to the worker: 'Be competent and you will have a job.' Between two men, the one who must be fired, the better will of course be the one that is not possible for the two men to be better than the other. The skilled man gets discharged, just as the unskilled man does. In a word, the one who is the Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, the best is not irregular that many of the members are wanderers, unmarried, homeless, held fast by some of the ties which keep men orderly and law-abiding. Labor, through the leaders of the Structural Iron Workers, has been doing some conscientizing lately. It is time for capital to do a little conscientizing too. The public is aroused, but it is not the employer and capitalist who are the worst and the resentment."

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THE DURBAR

A Durbar is not some kind of a saloon, as has been rumored although they have many points in common. Both are noted for large expenditure and both are frequented to a great extent by soldiers and Indians. Also the proprietors of both are accustomed to a good many disputes.

There was a Durbar over in India, a short time ago which received considerable mention in the local papers. The folks over there seemed to be quite elated over the affair and not without reason. It was the first time George V had ever been officially appointed Emperor of India in their town and the Durbar was a sort of celebration to make George feel at home, celebrating being almost second nature to Kings and such.

In spite of the fact that there were 400 Indian soldiers at the Durbar, nobody was assassinated, even George himself escaping. There were a number of princes who came in from the outlying districts to do homage to their monarch with whom they had hitherto been acquainted by hearsay only.

"Gentlemen, please do not beseech your monarch as he made in a way, and some of you have had more time to read up on the matter and get ready to do them. The whole trouble seems to be due to a lack of cooperation. You should have gotten the monarch acquainted on a standard homage then kept in touch with each other and endeavored to make your homage as nearly alike as possible.

Since he happened to be there, the King wished to see some of the Capital of India. This would be changed from Calcutta to Delhi. This will only cost about \$25,000,000. After what it had cost to move George from London to Delhi and back, nobody will miss this money. Although it will be of some assistance to preserving contracting firms.

THAT ANTI-TRUST LAW

What a pity it is that our serving legal practitioners in Canada have not got a Sherman law to play with. Think of five years of fees busting a trust that can't be busted and that everybody, including the lawyers, always ought to bust!



CHEOPS

The Sherman Law brought into existence the great question, 'what are all the different types of American history the author reviews, from settlement times down to the nineteenth century he has laid bare the impelling economic forces and material interests that operated to place in the seats of the mighty a class of rulers, whose canting hypocrisy, brutal subtleties, and arrogant brutality are worthily represented by their modern prototypes.

In his opening chapter a picture is presented of the terrible conditions in England and on the continent of Europe, from 1450 to 1500 and on, and that produced the movement of the wretched workers of those countries, across the Atlantic to the land of promised wealth and freedom. There they found that they had but exchanged one set of brutal taskmasters for another equally brutal.

Dealing with the land conquest in America, the author shows how the country was given away in vast tracts, with complete automatic freedom, to needy favorites of Charles II, one of America's "great" men. With land gone, he is shown as having received a free grant of 40,000 acres, and fourthly transported on a traffic in white slaves on a colonial scale, his victims being the miserable disinherited of England and the continent of Europe.

The small, independent manufacturer, and small businessmen in general, are not deceived by this arrangement, historically and contemporaneously celebrated for desecrating as they are. They quite clearly see that the revenue the Tobacco trust formerly derived will flow uninterrupted into the same pockets. The same thing applies to Standard Oil.

THE WORKERS IN AMERICAN HISTORY

By James O'Neal, 331 North Third St., Indiana, U. S. A. Price 25 cents.

The author of this valuable little book, in his preface, says that his object is to place in the hands of workers and those who are in sympathy with their ideals, information that is indispensable for a proper understanding of the problems of today. Quotations from indisputable standard authorities bristle on every page, and the consecutive arrangement of facts studiously concealed by the present educational authorities of the U. S. is presented in such a forcible and telling manner as to render unnecessary the author's reference to

ANY POSSIBLE LACK OF HISTORY

any possible lack of history style. In the authors of the famous Declaration of Independence of the halo with which they have been invested by capitalist historians. The methods of the wealthy minority to secure the services of the poor classes to throw off the galling restrictions of their British rivals in exploitation and the means they used to stifle all opposition to their propaganda must be read to be appreciated.

CHAPTER VII IS DEVOTED TO A SURVEY

of the conspiracy that gave birth to the document which is based upon the average American working-man of today as the charter of his liberties—the great American Constitution. Space, already overtaxed, will not allow of a more than brief appreciation of the facts brought to light in connection with the framing of that instrument. The minutes of the convention, kept secret for 50 years, are drawn upon to show the "fathers" of this country in their true light, which by no means reveals them as the paragons of high souled patriotism and disinterested virtue current in the reverence of the hero-worshipping American. Of all the characters attending that convention reviewed by the author, Benjamin Franklin alone appears in a favorable light. In two trenchant sentences the result is summed up: "The constitution gave a ruling class possession of a strong government and efficient police and military power to enact their interests into laws to be obeyed by all."

THE FINAL CHAPTER DEALS WITH THE

rise of the trade union movement and the political movement, with a labor press, and the economic and political aspirations of the workers. Comparing the latter with their modern successors the authors says: "These papers were on the whole more advanced and aggressive than the pitiful, conservative and apologetic labor press of today." The American worker has obviously a long way to travel before he attains to the standard of manliness set by his ancestors of less than 100 years ago.

THE BOOK IS AN EXCEEDINGLY VALUABLE

contribution to the historical literature of the Socialist movement. It should be in the library of all Party members, and the propagandist will find within it a mine of effective material for impressing upon his audience the supreme importance of political action.

J. H. R.

THE SOLUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT IS

the simplest thing in the world, difficult as some alleged brains would like to make it appear. Let the workers own the surplus they pile up when at work and unemployment will be converted into comfortable ease.

IF COMFORTABLE EASE IS A BAD THING,

why are some people so anxious to keep it all for themselves? The article in this issue on the Boy Scout Movement will be issued in leaflet form. Price, 15c per 1000. Order now.

The salary of the Editor and Dominion Secretary is \$60.00 per month, as reported in Clarion. The recent conference and stipend as salaries for Clarion editors alone. This is declared in feverish haste! We would not, and we don't know anybody who would accept the gigantic task of paying himself such a salary on this job.

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PLATFORM Socialist Party of Canada

The Socialist Party of Canada, in convention assembled, affirm our allegiance to and support of the principles and program of the revolutionary working class.
Labor produces all wealth, and to the producers it should belong. The present economic system is based upon capitalist ownership of the means of production, consequently all the products of labor belong to the capitalist class. The capitalist is therefore master; the worker a slave.
So long as the capitalist class remains in possession of the reins of government all the powers of the State will be used to protect and defend their property rights in the means of wealth production and their control of the product of labor.
The capitalist system gives to the capitalist an ever-widening stream of profits, and to the worker an ever-increasing measure of misery and degradation.
The interest of the working class lies in the direction of setting itself free from capitalist exploitation by the abolition of the wage system, under which the robbery of the working class at the point of production. To accomplish this necessitates the transformation of capitalist property in the means of wealth production into collective or working-class property.
The irrepressible conflict of interests between the capitalist and the worker is rapidly culminating in struggle for possession of the reins of government—the capitalist to hold, the worker to secure it by political action. This is the class struggle.
Therefore, we call upon all workers to organize under the banner of the Socialist Party of Canada with the object of conquering the political power, and enforcing the economic program of the working class, as follows:
1. The transformation, as rapidly as possible, of capitalist property in the means of wealth production (natural resources, factories, mills, railroads, etc.) into the collective property of the working class.
2. The democratic organization and management of industry by the workers.
3. The establishment, as speedily as possible, of production for use instead of production for profit.
The Socialist Party when in office shall always and everywhere until the present system is abolished, make the present system its guiding rule of conduct. Will this legislation advance the interests of the working class and aid the workers in their class struggle against capitalism? If it will, the Socialist Party is for it; if it will not, the Socialist Party is absolutely opposed to it.
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# PURPOSE OF BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT

### Training Ground for Soldiers and Supporters of the Present System.

The Boy Scout Movement is not only an attempt to provide the material for a great fighting force, to train boys to become efficient soldiers, it also aims to exert an influence in industry.

It is a movement called into being by the fact that thousands of people, workers especially, are beginning to enquire into the miserable social conditions now existing, and to accept the correct remedy. It is designed not to provide another remedy for those conditions, but to make the masses contented with them, prepared to accept the worst and to fight if necessary to maintain things as they are.

Aside from being an effort to educate boys against any attempt to change the social system, it seeks to turn them into strike-breakers, and profitable servants of the employing class in general. The man who figures as the founder of the Boy Scouts, Sir Robert Baden-Powell, says the object is not to make military scouts of the boys, but to form them into "Peace Scouts." Anyone who cares to read his books will see that he has both objects in view.

He says there is no intention of teaching the boys militarism or blood-thirstiness, and proves this by saying there is no military drill in the training of scouts. He gives as his reason for this omission the fact that military drill does not produce the best soldiers. In other words, he has discovered a better method of producing soldiers, and then expects his readers to believe that he doesn't want to produce them. His books are full of stories calculated to show the life of the soldier to be an ideal one for a boy. On every page the Scout is exhorted to "Be Prepared" to fight for his King and his country when ordered to do so. The Boy Scout movement is not openly militaristic. It is worse. It subtly appeals to the youthful imagination and paves the way for the boy to become a willing, trustful and obedient soldier.

This is its least important character, however. The peace part of the program is by far the worst. It is the most dangerous to the future well being, comfort and happiness of the working class. Imagine what would happen in the event of any body of workers demanding a higher wage or better working conditions, if the employers had at their disposal an army of efficient workers trained to obey quickly and cheerfully the orders of their superiors. That is exactly what Baden-Powell and the class of which he is the voice are aiming at. One has only to read the work entitled, "The Canadian Boy Scout" to verify this statement.

In the first place, it is sought to make scouts strive to secure "proficiency badges." In order to get these badges, scouts are required to qualify as blacksmiths, cooks, dairymen, electricians, carpenters, stenographers, farmers, firemen, farriers, gardeners, "handymen," photographers, plumbers, poultry farmers, printers, seamen, and military occupations such as marksmen, buglers, etc. The scout organization, then, according to its own authorities, is a training ground for tradesmen and workers of all grades.

So much for the technical part of a scout's education, now for the moral or social part. The idea that is insisted upon more than any other is that the scout must obey orders. Orders from whom? From those in authority over him. Of course, which in the last analysis would be the government. In strikes, governments are always on the side of the employers.

Further, scouts are taught to accept all conditions with a smile and without any complaints, and to perform services for others cheerfully and without thought of any reward. Who are the "others"? Those who would be in a position to request the services of scouts. The government again, and finally, the employing class. Here is a paragraph from Baden-Powell's book:

"A ship can be either a heaven or a hell; it depends entirely on the men in her. If they are surly, inclined to grouse, and untidy, they will be an unhappy ship's company. If they are, like scouts, cherishing determined to make the best of things, to give and take, and to keep their place tidy and clean, they will be a happy family and enjoy their life."

If this is not designed to prevent shipowners and other owners from ever having complaints of horrible and unsafe conditions in their ships, factories, etc., then what is it for? No other construction can be placed upon it. It is such a spirit, coupled with the fear of dismissal, that is responsible for many fatal accidents and great disasters. Workmen are often aware that they are in danger of their lives but are so resigned to their fate, or in such fear of losing their jobs, that they say nothing.

As a whole, the Boy Scout movement is started for the one purpose of providing the employers of the British Empire with a reserve army of workmen which will be always ready to protect their property and assist them in their efforts to secure greater profits.

The only attempt to offer an explanation of social problems appears in the form of that old exploded theory that all working-class miseries are caused by a lack of thrift. The scout is taught to save. Moreover he is told that saving will keep him from want. Baden-Powell says on this point:

"A very large proportion of the distress and unemployment in all countries is directly due to the want of thrift on the part of the people themselves. Our social reformers, before seeking for new remedies,

would do well to set this part of the problem right in the first place. They would then probably find very little more left for them to do. There is money enough in Britain to go round if it were properly made use of by all workmen."

Thus, Mr. Workington, they hope to teach your boy to become a manly, upright citizen by teaching him a falsehood to start with. The truth, which is not denied by anybody except when it is hoped to deceive somebody, is this: Employment comes from Business. Business comes from Buying. Buying means spending, and a good deal of the spending comes out of Wages, which come from Employment. When spending ceases, business suffers and employment falls off. Wealth comes not from saving but from spending. Fortunes are made because capitalists spend their money in buying labor-power and getting the best of the bargain. Nobody ever got wealthy through saving yet. Poverty increases because workmen sell labor-power and get the worst of the bargain by selling it for less than it will produce.

To sum up: The Boy Scout movement will not produce Men, but will deepen ignorance and prejudice and make boys into servile, willing slaves.

Working parents should teach their boys to obey no orders that do not satisfy their reasoning powers; to desire independence and to love true liberty; to avoid working for any man; that labor produces all wealth; to regard the happiness, comfort and well being of those who toil as the greatest of all objects for which to strive, and to realize that poverty is something which can easily be done away with by the united action of the working class in laying hold of those things which are socially operated to produce wealth.

### THINGS IN GENERAL.

Things are moving around Brandon Local these days: Two debates held and two more slated.

This is the time of year when Trades Council get the municipal job. Brandon Trades and Labor Council is no exception to the rule.

Some of the delegates "chew the rag" about what "we" should do and what "we" are going to do with the City Council. If they read more and talked less they would be considerably wiser.

Why don't these municipal freaks attend the propaganda meetings of the Socialist Party where these issues are dealt with? Guess they are scared of learning something.

Guess they had the municipal job in Winnipeg too. Guess it's "all their" for them since the 14th.

Didn't you hear Pulcher say I squawked, I got beat? I expect Pulcher's annual run for the job of Controller is an annual job on the works.

Some of the things in Brandon lately that I wonder how our "revisionist" reformer friends square that with some of their dope. It sounds very much like "Marxian impossibilities."

"Wages higher BECAUSE taxes are higher." Who stands to save by low or taxation, municipal ownership, etc., etc.?

"Wages are higher BECAUSE rents are higher." Who stands to gain by cheaper houses, municipal houses, etc., etc.?

"Wages are higher because goods are more expensive." Who stands to gain by cheaper goods, etc., etc.?

Wage slaves that use their brains know that it "cuts no figure" to them what the price of food and coal is in the S. P. C.

—ED. FULCHER.

### JAPANESE CAPTURING CHINESE COTTON TRADE.

Under this heading a very interesting article recently appeared in the London Press which shows that the Japanese are becoming serious competitors for China's cotton market, owing to their being able to place their commodities on that market at a much cheaper rate than Great Britain or the United States. The following statistics were given which show Chinese imports of Plain cotton goods. Brit. 10,785,227 £23,841,16,971,448

It was also pointed out that Japan herself is in terra facis with growing competition owing to the Chinese themselves now operating several mills. This all means that if Great Britain and the United States wish to retain their hold on the Chinese Cotton Market they must cheaper their cost of production still more and we all know who will bear the brunt of this, i.e. the slaves employed in the sweat-shops of these two glorious countries. And still people wonder why the naughty slaves in England and other parts are so discontent with their lot.

F. L.

The church is having great difficulty in finding young men who are willing to train for the ministry. This is because the church is becoming an end in itself instead of an instrument.

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