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**A Question of Fairness**

On July 7th, at a meeting of the members of the campaign committee of the Socialist party, held in Chicago, I offered to print in our edition of July 30th, a statement by Comrade Hillquit on the Barnes case. This statement was to appear at the same time and to occupy the same amount of space as that given to Comrade Debs. I presumed that Hillquit's friends on the committee would at once communicate with him by telegraph, which would have given him ample time to have sent his statement to the Appeal. I explained that I felt that Hillquit was the proper person to make the statement as it was hardly fair to Barnes that he should be called upon to make his own defense, inasmuch as he was not a candidate for the position of campaign manager and did not desire the job, but was urged by Hillquit and others to accept. In making this offer I felt that I was doing what was fair to both sides of the controversy. The failure of Hillquit to take advantage of this offer should not be charged up to the Appeal, as some are doing claiming that it was unfair to print Debs' statement and not one from the other side. I can assure our readers that had this offer not been made to Barnes and through him to Hillquit, that I should have given space to their replies. After making this offer I left the committee room and did not return. It would have been unfair to permit Hillquit to make a statement AFTER Debs' statement was published, since this would have been a REPLY rather than a statement; and to print replies by both Hillquit and Barnes, after Debs' statement, would have been doubly unfair, on account of it being a reply and also giving two replies against one mere statement. My object in making my offer, was to avoid a prolonged discussion. By printing both statements in the same issue, it would give the membership an opportunity to judge of the merits of the controversy and vote intelligently on the referendum to recall Barnes as campaign manager. I ask those of you who think the Appeal has been unfair in this matter to reconsider with these facts in mind, and then to read my article of last week, which I herewith re-print:

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**POVERTY IS A CONDITION MADE BY THOSE WHO DO NOT WORK FOR THOSE WHO DO.**

POVERTY is not only, under capitalism, a crime; it is also a punishment at hard labor for life. The capitalist has but one political principle—protection of profits, so his tribute may be safe. WAR is a contest between working men in the interest of the fellows who profit from their toil. The progressives are attacking the general unrest with chloroform, which may cause such a sleep as to kill. THIS discussion as to whether there is a hell or not is entirely out of place, considering the condition of the average toiler. An eastern paper suggests that "the sober sentiment of the country is rapidly swinging to Taft." Then the whole country must be drunk. The senate chamber has been for rent long enough, and the masters alone have occupied it. The toilers will hereafter do law making in the open air and shop, by direct legislation. CHARLES EDWARD RUSSELL will report the Chicago convention for the Coming Nation and Fred D. Warren for the Appeal. Between us I hardly think Roosevelt will get away with the swag!

**THOSE WHO WON'T WORK.**

A reader of the APPEAL writes: "Socialism promises employment to all. That is right if all will work enough to deserve employment, but thousands are slack, shirking tramps, drinking men, determined to get a living some way with as little work as possible. If they got big pay they would squander it for liquor or on other follies that would make them bad citizens. Besides, it is impossible to pay all two thousand dollars a year without raising taxes so high as to bankrupt the nation." The fact that there are many who, under this system, shirk all they possibly can, is proof of something wrong in the system. If the system was right they would be unable to live without work and so they would not attempt to shirk. As to taxing the people to pay two thousand dollars a year, that is a piece of humor that comes of a misunderstanding of Socialism. The fact is that every man who works today, even though some of them may be "slack workers," average, according to statistics, earning of two thousand dollars a year or more. They don't get this much because the money is taken from them in the way of rents, interests and profits. They who absorb the most of this are utter idlers, making their millions and giving absolutely no value in return. Socialism will merely put the people in control of their own lives so that they will retain their full product without taxing anybody. The workers are taxed today to maintain the idle rich. Under Socialism they will not be taxed and hence they will average as they do today, earning two thousand dollars a year apiece. This they will get. That is all there is to the Socialist proposition. BY co-operating the people create

**ERA OF THE PEOPLE.**

The progress of direct legislation or genuine democracy in politics is shown by the following list of states that have already adopted it, together with date of adoption: Utah, 1900; Oregon, 1902; Nevada, 1905; Montana, 1906; Oklahoma, 1907; Maine, 1908; Missouri, 1908; Michigan, 1908; Arkansas, 1912; Colorado, 1910; Arizona, 1911; New Mexico, 1911; California, 1911. The question of the adoption of direct legislation is up in the following states: Washington, Nevada, Idaho, Wyoming, Wisconsin, North Dakota, Nebraska, Massachusetts and Ohio. Direct legislation was first proposed in America by the Socialists. It is now becoming generally agitated and accepted as right that it is generally recognized as the coming thing. Yet, the democratic platform did not say a word about direct legislation! Talk about it being a democratic party when it dares not declare for real democracy! In a number of the states named the recall, extending even to the recall of judges, is in operation, although it has not progressed as far as the initiative and referendum have done. The recall, however, is sure to come sooner or later. Direct legislation is simply democracy in politics. It will be a means whereby the people can shake off the rule of the bosses and defeat the usurpation of the courts. It will also be a means whereby they will be enabled to inaugurate Socialism and after that is done they may secure democracy in industry.

**THE ROOSEVELT CONVENTION**

As this issue is being printed the delegates to the Roosevelt convention are in session at Chicago. The APPEAL predicts that the most colossal political steal of the century will be attempted in Chicago, when the progressives under the lead of the ex-president, burglarize the Socialist platform. Roosevelt will appeal to the people to support him on the ground that he will give them all the Socialists promise and at the same time save them from the social revolution that threatens to engulf the country if something is not quickly done. To save the nation from Socialism on the one hand and prevent its enslavement by predatory wealth on the other will be the campaign slogan of the new party. In the meantime, Mr. Medill McCormick, for the harvester trust and Mr. Perkins and Mr. Munsey for the steel trust are putting up the dough to make the Roosevelt campaign a winner. The APPEAL called the turn on Roosevelt six years ago—and it will do it again. Watch these columns for some of the hottest political reading matter that ever rolled off a perfecting press. EMPLOYING THE IDLE. A good friend writes the APPEAL a criticism of its statement that 'Socialism offers \$2,000 a year for a man's vote. He says: "There are forty million homeless people in the United States. How many unemployed there are I cannot say, but there must be millions. How on earth is Socialism going to find work for these men and the money to pay them \$2,000 a year?" It must be remembered that the people are homeless because they have been out of work, and they are out of work because the capitalist system must keep a standing army of unemployed in order to be assured of its profits. All these millions, with the exception of but few, of course, who are physically unable to work, are eager and anxious to do something. All they need is to have access to the means of work; that is, to the mines, the lands, and the machinery of production and distribution. Instead of depending on the capitalists to employ them they would then depend, not on the Socialists or anyone else, but on themselves. Socialists would provide, through the use of the ballot and proper legislation, access to the means of employment. So long as there were people hungry, people who are without homes, roads that should be improved, rivers that should be made navigable, arid land to be reclaimed, there would be more than enough work for all who were out of employment. If the government made all the money had all the handling of it (which is the proper thing, and would be done under Socialism) there would be plenty of money to employ all. NEW THINGS IN AGRICULTURE Here's a new thing in the farming line. Leavenworth county, Kansas, has employed P. H. Ross, a graduate of the Kansas agricultural college, to act as agricultural adviser in that county. He is to be paid a salary, have an office in town, and will advise as to crops, soils, and various other things that the farmers may want to know. Missouri also is taking up the movement and seven counties have applied for experts who will act as advisers of the farmers. This is a thoroughly practical proposition. It is, in a measure, socialistic, and can be operated on a small unit even without carrying a county for Socialism. It will be possible for this manager, if he understands the situation, to so utilize land by agreement as to absolutely end unemployment, in his jurisdiction, and also materially decrease the cost of living, while acting as sales agent and purchasing agent for farmers. The APPEAL expects to see the idea grow and be taken up in practically all the states as the Socialists become stronger, thus forcing the old parties to do something practical for the producing classes. It should not be forgotten, however, that



In the Days to Be

The key of the campaign is the fight between the Rockefeller and Morgan interests for supremacy...

I believe the Morgan interests will win, because they are better organized, have the heaviest artillery...

In this campaign Rockefeller is backing Taft, and Morgan is behind Roosevelt...

The Socialist agitation and the general unrest is such that the defeat of Taft and the support given to the "progressives"...

If the above alignment occurs, then Roosevelt will probably be elected, Morgan taking advantage of the radical movement...

After Roosevelt takes the chair, if the above analysis is correct, he will become a buffer between two elements...

The position of the Socialists will necessarily have to be thoroughly revolutionary. Yet their plans must be so practical as to begin at once...

The final great strategic point will be the capture of the money and banking systems by the people...

The use of land for the relief of the unemployed will prove the basis of victory over the great employers of the country...

The contest will mark a decided advance for the Socialist movement, in that it will become more radical and more practical...

With not a mention of the condition of the toilers. Now he is where Greek roots do not help him. The toilers can't understand his language.

There is absolutely no remedy in the proposals of the progressives. Yet they represent an advance. They have been attacked with the universal spirit of unrest...

There is a beginning of thought which makes them one with the great awakening of this age. All pupils are not equally advanced...

Some are in the a, b, c class. These may seem crude to those who have got to reading and writing; yet that is a beginning which will surely lead to other things...

It is true that only those who vote for Socialism are moving in a conscious way to certain ends; but apart from them is an innumerable multitude who are catching some of the promethian fire...

Whose tongues are slowly becoming inspired with the vision, and these are coming to change the world. It is not what they are now, but what they shall be that counts...

WAR! WHAT FOR? (11,500 sold in two years) AND MENTAL DYNAMITE (120,000 circulation) SPECIAL CAMPAIGN OFFER: \$45.00 Worth of Literature (retail price) for \$12.50

Amazing Story of Fraud

Controversy Between State and Federal Courts Drags Through Forty Years

A representative of the APPEAL investigated conditions in St. Clair and Dallas counties, Mo., where the federal courts are seeking to compel the county judges to open violation of the state law...

Last week the APPEAL told how Judge John F. Phillips, whose official actions were under investigation by the APPEAL, resigned from his position...

The story of Judge Phillips' connection with the fraudulent bond deals in Missouri and of the controversy between the federal and state courts...

On January 16, 1890, the Tebo and Neosho Railway company was chartered in Missouri. One of the directors named in the charter was John F. Phillips...

After the war was over various enterprising gentlemen began promoting branch railways all over the state. Many of them did not connect with the Tebo and Neosho railway...

A few years after this Phillips was appointed to the federal bench. Application was made to him by an "innocent purchaser" for an order requiring the county judges to provide for the payment of the bonds...

It had ordered payment of the bonds he could have been prosecuted for violation of a state law. William J. Stone, now a United States senator, while he was governor of the state of Missouri, passed on this question...

The controversy became a direct one between the state and federal courts, because the supreme court of Missouri ruled that the bonds were fraudulent...

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Chips From A Socialist Workshop

The workers suffer only the evils that they vote for. "Poverty is no disgrace." No, but to vote for more of it is!

Vote the Socialist ticket. It is a demand for the full social value of your toil. A wise man may be the unwilling victim of poverty, but only a fool votes for it.

Vote a Socialist ticket may not at once bring on the millennium, but voting the masters will retard its coming. Old party voters cast their ballots for individuals and jobs; Socialists cast their votes for lofty principles and the overthrow of wage slavery.

We do not blame a workman for voting against Socialist candidates if he doesn't know any better; but we blame him for not knowing better, with Socialist literature so readily available. MAYNARD SHIPLEY.

You Have a RIGHT to Independence! You have a right to independence, but you must have an abundance of money to buy it. Many have purpose, ambition and energy, but through lack of intelligent help must be supplied. Write for instructions...

Learn the Collection Business and escape wage slavery for life. If you have an idea that the collection business as it is not a safe, sure and dignified as a bank or any other profitable business, you are mistaken, and I will prove it to you...

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Socialist National Ticket

For President EUGENE V. DEBS of Indiana For Vice-President EMIL SEIDL of Wisconsin

We Are Coming

The march of Socialism is the most inspiring spectacle now to be witnessed in the civilized world. The invincible hosts of the revolution are sweeping aside all the barriers in the path of evolution and with giant strides marching toward their goal.

There was a time when a Socialist was considered a pariah and an outcast. Today it is an honor, and the Socialist commands the respect of all whose respect is worth having.

The hired scribbles and the retainers of the master class are now uttering their poisonous screeds in vain. The common people are coming to know the true meaning of Socialism and they are flocking to the standard of the Socialist party, the only party that has a living issue in this campaign.

We are coming, we Socialist are, all along the line. The Socialist party presents an unbroken battle-line upon which the sun of heaven never sets.

We are coming from the east and coming from the west, we are coming from the north and we are coming from the south, and we are shouting with joy as we behold our unvanquishable hosts of working people, honest producers, marshalled in battle array, with ballots in their hands, to vote out the rotten system that now curses humanity and to vote in the great commonwealth of the people.

We are coming in the conquering spirit of the social revolution. The joy of the coming triumph is in our hearts and our hands are clasped in loyal comradeship as we proudly march together toward the Socialist republic of the world.

BRYAN MAKES GOOD.

At the Baltimore convention in his melodramatic attack on the bosses Bryan shouted that no candidate for the presidency who received the vote of Murphy and his Tammany gang should ever have his support.

He denounced Roger Sullivan at the same time as a "train robber in politics" and later worked hand in glove with him when he himself was the candidate.

This is Bryan, William Jennings Bryan, thrice the democratic candidate for president of the United States. He may declare his freedom from rotten political bosses from the housetops hereafter, but no man who judges men by their acts instead of by their empty professions, will believe him.

WE HAVE THEM GOING.

The old politicians are panic-stricken and utterly at a loss to deal with the present chaotic situation. They see their parties split wide open and the several factions knifing each other at every turn.

The tariff! Why, it is no longer even a chestnut. It is so rank and so rotten as a vote-catcher that Wilson has issued the warning cry to his colleagues, "we must drop the tariff and make the high cost of living the paramount issue."

This is only a fresh little joke and the democratic spell-binders will saw the air and tell the open-mouthed voters how the cost of living has soared skyward under republican administration.

Not on your life. Upon that issue, the only issue worth a tinker's dam, the democratic party under Wilson stands exactly where the republican party stands under Taft and the bullmoose party under Roosevelt.

The republican and democratic parties, stripped of their masks, have but one issue confronting them, and that is SOCIALISM.

The Socialist party has but one issue confronting it and that is CAPITALISM.

Industrial freedom or wage slavery, which?

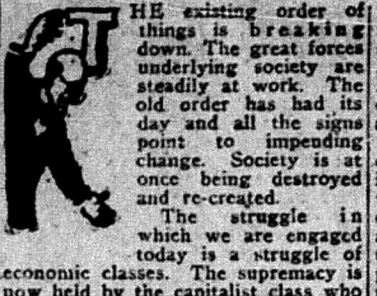
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Lebs' Opening Speech of the Campaign



THE existing order of things is breaking down. The great forces underlying society are steadily at work. The old order has had its day and all the signs point to impending change.

The struggle in which we are engaged today is a struggle of economic classes. The supremacy is now held by the capitalist class who are combined in trusts and control the powers of government.

This war between the great capitalists who are organized in trusts and fortified by powers of government and the smaller capitalists who constitute the middle class, is one of extermination.

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THE vital issue before the country and the world is not touched, nor even mentioned, in the republican or democratic platforms. Wage-slavery under capitalism, the legalized robbery of the workers of what is produced by their labor, is the fundamental crime against modern humanity, but there is no room for the mention of this vital fact, this living issue, in the platforms of the republican and democratic parties.

While the republican convention was in session at Chicago and while the democratic convention was in session at Baltimore the republican and democratic congress was also in session at Washington.

THE democratic party, like its republican ally, is a capitalist party, the only difference being that it represents the minor divisions of the capitalist class. It is true that there are some plutocrats and trust magnates in the democratic party but as a rule it is composed of the smaller capitalists who have been worsted by the larger ones and are now demanding that the trusts be destroyed and, in effect, that the laws of industrial evolution be suspended.

THE democratic party, like the republican party, is financed by the capitalist class. Belmont, Ryan, Roger Sullivan, Taggart, and Hinky Dink are liberal contributors to its fund. The Tammany organization in New York, notorious for its corruption and for its subservancy to the powers that rule capitalist society, is one of the controlling factors in the democratic party.

Woodrow Wilson is the candidate of the democratic party for president. He was seized upon as a "progressive"; as a man who would appeal to the common people, but he never could have been nominated without the votes controlled by Tammany and the "predatory interests" so fiercely denounced in the convention by William Jennings Bryan.

It is true that Woodrow Wilson was not the first choice of Belmont, Ryan, Murphy and the Tammany corruptionists, but he was nevertheless satisfactory to them and they would not have agreed to his nomination, and since the convention it is quite apparent that Wilson has a working agreement and a perfect understanding with the predatory interests which Bryan sought to scourge from the convention.

IN his speech before the delegates denouncing Ryan, Belmont and Murphy, Bryan solemnly declared that no candidate receiving their votes and the votes of Murphy's "vinty wax figures" could have his support. Woodrow Wilson received these votes and without these and other votes controlled by the "interests" he could not have been nominated, and if Bryan now supports him he simply stultifies himself before the American people.

Mr. Wilson is no more the candidate of the working class than is Mr. Taft or Mr. Roosevelt. Neither one of them has ever been identified with the working class, has never associated with the working class, except when their votes were wanted, or would dare to avow himself the candidate of the working class.

Both the republican and democratic parties reek with corruption in their servility to the capitalist class, and both are torn with strife in their mad scramble for the spoils of office.

THE Socialist party, the first and only international party, is rising grandly to power all around the world. In every land beneath the sun it is the party of the dispossessed, the impoverished, the heavy-laden.

Don't worry because some people are "near" Socialists and do not come over the line fast enough to suit you. It takes time, after some men are convinced, to enable them to break away from old associations.

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Don't fret because now and then there are disagreements between individual Socialists leading to quarrels in the local. Bless you, if Socialism did not admit of differences in opinion it would be too narrow to be the great movement it is, and unless Socialists were so much in earnest they would contend for their idea of the world which they are moving about as they must.

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Word of Explanation.

Forty weeks ago the most successful of our lecture meetings were being held in Ohio and several eastern states. These lecture subscriptions are now expiring. This accounts for the loss. As I write these lines the number of subscribers coming into the office, sent in by the Appeal Army alone, are doing very well indeed, but of course not enough to make up this gap. You see, forty weeks ago, we had the Army at work in addition to this lecture lists. We were pouring in their large lists. We were pouring in their large lists. We were pouring in their large lists.

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Your ancestors, with the crudest tools of production, produced enough of the necessities of life to keep them in food, clothing and shelter. Today you are producing with modern machinery and methods, an average of twenty times as much as did your ancestors produce, and the mass of workers do not have as good and respectable a living as did your ancestors. Why? If you produce more, why don't you receive more? Can you not see that there is a screw loose somewhere? This surplus that you are producing and not getting is being piled up into great buildings, great factories and shops, great mines and works and palaces by the tens of thousands for those who do not produce anything, but merely manipulate what you workers are producing. The wealth increases but you do not get it, though you produce it. Others who do not produce it have it. Each of you workers, man or woman, could and should have an income of \$8 a day for your work—for that is what the average products of a day sells for. The reason you do not get it is because others take it under the theory that they are entitled to it for the use of the capital invested. But you workers made that capital. It is morally yours, but not legally because those who make the laws have seen to it that conditions favor them and those they serve. You have the votes that elect every official in the nation, directly or indirectly—yet these people you elect do not serve you. They serve the owning class, believe in the owning class, believe in the owning class. All of you Socialists once believed just as they do, just as you do. We are not more honest now than then, we have studied and know more about the subject, just as men know more about electricity when they study it. Your poverty is the direct result of the system of owning capital individually—the dividing up system. You are making enough wealth but are not getting it. No matter how much more you would make it would not enrich you an iota. It would make the owning class richer. What you should do is to study, not how to make more wealth, but how the owning class get that which you do make. Get wise to the game. If you were wise, Debs would have two-thirds of all the votes cast this fall. But you are not wise and you will elect the same kind of minds that you and your ancestors have ever put over you to rule. Funny, but tragic, this density of your mind.

PROTECTING THE CRIMINAL.

A most amazing situation has developed in New York. Rosenthal, a gambler who refused to buy protection from the police, was murdered by gangsters who had been hired by police agencies for \$2,000 to do the work in order to prevent an exposure of the graft collected annually by the police of that city of crime. This graft is said to amount to nearly two and one-half million dollars annually. It is payment made to the police, who are supposed to enforce the law, in order to secure protection for the criminal element. New York is all torn up over the situation and the police are being counted on for further assassination. Politics under the old parties has become not only a graft but also a promoter of crime. The very organizations which are behind this unbelievable situation are also behind Woodrow Wilson in his aspirations for the presidency.

Twenty Years of Agitation.

"Leaves of Life" reaches no. 2. It's author, John W. Ross, has perhaps, as I've dreamed he would look. The little book is a nugget of nuggets, a book of books, food for thought, without end. I feel sure it will be a possession, yet it is a precious belonging.—Mrs. P. B. Emmons, Wichita, Kan.

A CASE IN POINT.

Capitalist papers call attention to the fact that 50,000 farmers in Colorado and adjacent states faced great loss during the harvest period because they couldn't get 20,000 men to care for the growing crops. At the same time this paper points out that there were 20,000 idle men in Denver who couldn't pay the fare to the harvest fields.

Guilty of "Suspicion."

In the enlightened state of Ohio, there is a law that provides if a police cannot prove any crime or misdemeanor against an arrested person, the judge may give him the same sentence as though he had been proven guilty of a misdemeanor. A man in Cleveland incurred the displeasure of the police; they arrested him and brought him before a judge. The charge against him fell flat for lack of evidence. But the judge said the fact that he had been arrested was enough to convict him of suspicion and he gave him thirty days in the works. It has now become a crime, punishable without trial by jury, to be arrested in Ohio, even if innocent. Lovers of liberty had better move to Russia.

How Your Local Can Clear \$25

Ryan Walker's collection of cartoons and art reproductions has made such a hit that the first edition is nearly exhausted, and we have instructed him to prepare another, with some additions and alterations. Two of the reproductions are from the great paintings of Palfour Ker, the originals of which are among the highest priced paintings of the century. We got them because Balfour Ker is a Socialist. The whole volume is interesting and thought compelling—a compilation from ten years of Socialist art. There's hours of amusement and instruction for the whole family in the Portfolio, and every Socialist in America wants one. Here's an offer that we want you to bring before the next meeting of your local. For \$10 we will send you ten yearly copies of the Portfolio, and 40 copies of the Red Portfolio, which when sold at 25 cents each will pay for the whole lot, leaving you the ten with care free. Or, for \$10 we will send you 500 copies of the Coming Nation, all at once, or an easy per week till the 300 are used, and 40 copies of the Portfolio, and 40 copies of the Coming Nation at five cents each and the Portfolio at a quarter, and you will have \$35—a clear profit of \$25 for the campaign. Every hustling local in the nation can make good on this proposition. This offer is for the campaign, and will be open till August 15th. Act quick. Address Coming Nation, Appeal, Kan.

EVICIONS IN NEW YORK.

The New York Times has been gathering statistics of poverty in that city. It shows that during the month of January, 1912, 5,270 families were evicted for non-payment of rent. This is worse than the record of Ireland during its greatest oppression under landlordism.

It is shown that the monthly rents in New York have very largely increased during the past year, and a comparison of the raise in the price of food leads the Times to declare: "High rents burden the poor more than food prices do." At the same time the rents have been increasing there has been a marked decrease in the wages of mechanics, engineers and stenographers.

As a result of the high rents and the inability of the people to pay, the poorer quarters of the city are becoming more densely populated and the model tenements about which so much boasting has been done, are left unoccupied. Landlordism, in other words, is forcing the people into the slums in spite of what charity organizations can do to prevent it. There is a great hue and cry about high prices, but landlordism is, as shown by the above, much more of an evil than are the high prices of food. People are taxed to their limit for a place in which to live. They are taxed on things they buy to eat. That is all that is behind the oppression and poverty there is in the whole world.

Canadian Rates.

Single subscription in Canada \$1 per year. In clubs of four or more, going to same town, seventy-five cents per year. No Life Subscription accepted from Canada. Is the man not foolish, to the