

unrest, and shows—we think quite rightly—that the governing classes have not yet really got out of the ruck of “laissez faire,” in spite of their scientific defeat. Until they do, and until the whole nation will combine to do justice to the suffering millions and to think out a sane collective reformation, the unrest will go on. His remedies are startling, but on simple lines. To begin with, and while we are hammering out our reformation, we are to provide “free bread.” Nobody is to be allowed to starve for a moment longer while the national doctors are agreeing on their future treatment.

Then the State is to take the matter in hand and boldly show itself the model employer and landlord. “I will up,” saith the State; “the man of earth shall no more be exalted against the poor.” If the private owners don’t like it, they must lump it. The State—that is, the nation—will no longer have a hand in grinding the faces of the poor, or, to use Micah’s expressive phrase, “eat the flesh of my people and flay their skin from off them, or break their bones and chop them in pieces as for the pot, and as flesh within the cauldron.”

Dr. Wallace, as becomes an ex-president of the Land Nationalisation Society of thirty years’ standing, looks to land reform as the main thing. He boldly insists on the raising of wages all round, and is confident that the awful results prophesied by some are fallacious. For us Christian readers Dr. Wallace’s book is most salutary. We are reminded that the Church has helped to bring about the terrible state of things by allying itself with the governing class and allowing itself to be frightened by the old political economists. The Church has got its work cut out in bringing about the repentance or “change of mind” which is absolutely necessary on the part of the rich and their adherents. Instead of timidly asking if Socialism is Atheism, the Church should penitently inquire if Capitalism is Christian. It is not too late for the Churches to have a hand in the coming revolution, and it is very much to be hoped that they will pay attention to the warnings and advice of this old prophet as he approaches the end of his noble, humble, and most fruitful life.

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The Revolt of Democracy

“The Revolt of Democracy.” By Alfred Russel Wallace. (Cassell, 2s. 6d.).

This book is, first of all, interesting because of the “life story of the author” with which it begins. Mr. Marchant has put into convenient form a short biography of Dr. Wallace which is exactly the framework required in order to appreciate the significance of the brochure that follows. The freshness and alertness of this old warrior of social reform are truly amazing. We hope that his prophetic warnings will not be lost on the Labour Party or the Liberal Government. He traces the history of the present Labour