

A DROWNING CRY.
BY G. H. Gibson.

Oh, is there heaven for me?
Earth has no room.
Friendless, from man I flee
Forth to my doom.
Can God be hard and cold,
Like those who strive for gold?
Will he refuse to give
Lost ones a home?

Fainting with toil, I've borne
Wages forced down.
Work I have sought each morn,
Facing man's frown.
Now on the street I'm cast;
Struggling, I sink, at last;
Thrown from the slums of earth,
Helpless, I drown!

God save what man destroys,
Reaching for gain;
God curse what man enjoys,
Bought with such pain.
Worship? It calls for toil,
Justice to those who moan,
King oppression's yoke;
Words are but vain.

**The Lie and Truth
About Milwaukee**

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capital is frightened, confidence destroyed, factories closed and commercial havoc wrought. The facts are (a) The commercial and industrial conditions in Milwaukee show a normal improvement. The total receipts at the Milwaukee Post Office for 1910 showed an increase of \$149,539.90 which is rather larger than a normal increase. The Post Office receipts were \$75,265 greater, and the bank clearings \$28,911,400 greater during these six months following Seidel's election than during the corresponding months of the preceding year; (b) The value of the year's production of the Milwaukee industries was \$6,171,884 greater this year than last; the amount of capital employed was \$6,683,649 more this year than last. From which it can be clearly seen that there was not very much capital frightened away. There was \$3,795,218 more paid in wages this year than last; there were 3602 more working people employed this year than last; and there were 137 more industrial plants at work this year than last. These figures I have taken from the January 1st, 1911, issue of the Milwaukee Sentinel's annual Trade Review, pages 1 and 2.

Otto H. Falk is the President of the Merchant and Manufacturers Association of Milwaukee. This organization is probably the strongest and most aggressive opponent of Socialism in the city. Yet Mr. Falk says in a letter to the Sentinel, published in the above Review of January 1st, 1911, speaking on trade conditions in Milwaukee: "Some of our industries outside of iron and steel ran not only full capacity during the entire year, but at times strained their capacity in order to supply the demand for their goods. Many local manufacturers were fairly active while their competitors in the East were depressed. Large additions have been made to a number of manufacturing plants, and new industries have been located in our midst. The jobbing and wholesale interests have done so well as have the same interests in other cities. On the whole they have done more than held their own, and have extended their territory and made handsome increase to their sales.

The causes which lead to the peculiarities of the year were not local. The great bulk of our products goes to the four ends of the country, and the industrial symptoms here are indicative of a condition prevailing throughout the nation."

Mr. Frank Putney Haight writing at the same time says: "The comparison of the figures of industrial conditions in 1909 with those of 1910, make it clearly evident that Milwaukee is supporting the phenomenal gain made in 1909 in nearly all lines, and proving the solidity of growth." Farther on he says: "The volume of wholesale business for the year amounted to \$446,514,011. This shows a gain of .118 per cent over 1909, and from every quarter there is reported the greatest confidence in a marked increase for 1911."

5. It is charged that the Socialist administration in Milwaukee injures business. The facts in the matter, according to the report of the Treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce, published in the Evening Wisconsin (Republican), is: The increase in receipts of 1911 over the corresponding period of 1910 was \$16,381.46. The record with regard to the new investments in Milwaukee during 1911 first four months of this year the new which was within \$4,000,000 of the total new investments of the preceding year. Capital doesn't seem to be

very badly frightened according to that.

SICKNESS DECREASING

6. It is charged that an epidemic of scarlet fever is raging in the city of Milwaukee, due to the incompetency and neglect of the Socialist Health Department. The facts are there is no epidemic of scarlet fever in Milwaukee. There were 349 more cases under Dr. Bading's previous administration during the four months ending December 31, 1909, than there were under the corresponding four months of Dr. Kraft's administration. In 1909 there were 855 cases during the four months ending December 31, and in 1910, under Dr. Kraft's administration, there were only 506 cases during the corresponding period. In every single month there were from fifty to a hundred less cases under Dr. Kraft than under Dr. Bading. And 855 cases of scarlet fever in four months in a population of 375,000 does not constitute an epidemic. No one thought of charging Mr. Bading's administration with having an epidemic of scarlet fever. If so, much less than may the Socialists be charged with having an epidemic, since there were 349 cases less than under Dr. Bading.

7. It is charged that Dr. Kraft does not believe in milk inspection. The truth is that the milk inspection as conducted at present is the most efficient in the history of the Milwaukee health department.

8. It is charged that the health department has made a rule against requiring quarantine of contagious diseases. The truth is that the rules governing quarantine are made by the State Board of Health, and not by the city at all. Quarantine was never more rigidly nor more carefully observed in Milwaukee than at the present time.

ANOTHER LIE NAILED

9. It is charged that Dr. Kraft claims to have diplomas from various Medical Colleges and that as a matter of fact he has not. The facts are that Dr. Kraft has diplomas from the American Medical College of St. Louis, the Barnes Medical College of the same city, and in addition a Wisconsin State License No. 1176, Register B, and also a medical state license from Illinois, Missouri and California. All of these are on file, properly signed and attested, in the office of the Commissioner of Public Health in the City Hall, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

ENORMOUS SAVING TO CITY

10. It is charged that the Socialists have been extravagant in city expenditures. The truth is: (a) The Socialist administration saved \$30,000 in street construction work within the first month of their administration. (b) The purchasing department saved \$18,000 within the first three months with a total of \$48,000 in sight as possible saving for the year; (c) The City Attorney's department has won so far \$465,000 worth of cases that were brought against the city; (d) The City Clerk's department has saved \$3,800; (e) The Comptroller's department \$1,200 on salaries alone; (f) The mayor's department \$1,000; (g) The Health department \$1,000. The total savings due to the efficiency of the Socialist administration already in sight amounts to over \$570,000 per year.

MODEL FRANCHISE

11. It is charged that the effort to draw a model franchise was the most ludicrous thing ever attempted in this country and a complete failure. The truth is that the franchise is drawn upon the basis of franchises in actual operation in other cities in America and Europe and simply embodies the feature of an up to date franchise. Wall Street didn't like the franchise, and rejected it. The water wind and graft are all knocked out.

NOT WILD AND VISIONARY.

12. It is charged that the Socialist administration is trying to force on the people of Milwaukee schemes that are wild and visionary. The truth in the matter is that the measures said to be wild and visionary, and against which most objection is raised, are measures which former administrations had proposed and advocated, as follows: (a) The river park project, for example, so bitterly assailed by all the old party politicians, was recommended by the Metropolitan Park Commission, the president of which is a prominent Republican politician, who, before the Socialists came into power, not only recommended the measure, but strongly advocated it. Practically every newspaper in the city enthusiastically endorsed the project until the old party politicians made it a political issue. Now because the Socialists advance it, it has suddenly become "wild and visionary."

(b) The railway terminal station project, which involved the issuing of a million dollars worth of mortgage certificates in order to make it possible, was also a project advocated by former administrations, and strongly supported by various com-

mercial clubs and progressive citizens. It becomes wild and visionary when the Socialists take it up. (c) The electric-lighting plant has been endorsed by both republican and democratic parties since 1898. The matter has been four times submitted to referendum of the people of this city, and every time by overwhelming majorities approved. The Socialists are actually forcing the issue to completion. And this is what makes it wild and visionary." (d) Home Rule for the city of Milwaukee is another one of the measures of which the Socialists have made a very strong and persistent fight. Until at last every political party in the state is committed to the idea and has promised it in their platform. Also wild and visionary. So as a matter of fact, the very measure that the capitalistic press and politicians and grafters and bootleggers are so furiously attacking now as being wild and visionary, are measures which their own parties had heretofore advocated and pretended to favor. Now that the Socialists are actually putting these measures through, the whole bunch of capitalistic politicians are compelled to show their hands.

THE UNEMPLOYED.

13. It is charged that there are 20,000 to 30,000 men out of work in Milwaukee, a condition due directly to the Socialist administration. The facts are, there are no more men out of work in the city of Milwaukee than usual under similar conditions, nor more than usual in cities of this size in America. And it is certain that the Socialist administration is in no way responsible for the condition. As a matter of fact, they are relieving it. Mrs. VanWick, General Secretary of the Associated Charities of Milwaukee, declares, "There are not 25,000 men out of work in Milwaukee. I doubt whether there are half that many. And certainly the Socialist administration absolutely has nothing to do with the condition."

Burt Hull, Secretary of the Children's Aid Society says: "I am not a Socialist, but I desire to be just, and I wish to say emphatically that I do not believe the Socialist administration is to any degree responsible for the rather unusually large number of unemployed in the city."

Wm. J. Fairbairn, Secretary of the Metal Trades and Foundry Bureau, says, "Any suggestion that the Socialist administration is to any degree responsible for the number of unemployed in Milwaukee is nonsense and preposterous to my mind."

The above quotations are given by J. M. Maxwell in his splendid series of articles, published in the Indianapolis Star, beginning Sunday April 9 to 16.

WORKERS WELL ORGANIZED

14. It is charged that the Socialist administration has created a great fear in the minds of many people that labor troubles will arise, strikes and disturbances which will interfere with the industrial life of the city. As a matter of fact, however, there have been fewer strikes and less labor troubles in the city of Milwaukee than in any similar industrial center in the country. The working class are better organized, but depend more upon peaceful, political action than upon trade union methods alone. The Garment Workers Strike of last winter, for example, was settled without violence and almost without disturbance. There have been no serious strikes or labor troubles in the city of Milwaukee for years.

15. It is charged that the Socialist administration was responsible for the use of cheap fire hose which resulted in the killing of five Milwaukee firemen. As a matter of fact, it was the roof that killed the firemen and not the hose.

PLATFORM PLEDGES KEPT.

16. It is charged that the Socialists have not kept their platform pledges. The fact in the matter is, that even, according to the critics themselves, six out of fourteen of the promises mentioned have been carried. If six out of fourteen platform pledges are carried out in one year, and the Socialists are in office two years, how many would be left at that rate in the end? However, of the fourteen mentioned in their list at least five have either been actually achieved or advanced to the utmost limit possible by the Socialists, while the critics fail entirely to make mention of more than a dozen achievements of the administration which were not promised in the platform, but which have been carried out.

The man who demands more than he gives is a thief; the man who takes less than he gives is a fool; and the man who gives as much as he receives, and demands as much as he gives, is a Socialist.



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Our Needs in Education

Anna A. MALEY.

Education, we are told, is mental development. That is, education serves to make strong, orderly and efficient mental equipment, and this equipment should enable us to give more effective direction to our life's activities.

Which is the chief of life's activities? That which takes up most of the time of the most people—the industrial activity.

With the advance of time, "the struggle for mere bread has been replaced with men, but the struggle for wealth in general—a struggle of man with man and nation with nation, for the plainly avowed purpose of acquiring a wealth produced by others and acquiring it by force and diplomacy, which latter is only another word for fraud." (Michael A. Lane, "Man in Perspective.")

Life's chief activity, it seems, has adopted a predatory method, and as far as this method is accepted as proper by our educators, to-day's education tends to make us well-trained thieves.

Into our world of plunder and prey comes the young engineer who in shop and factory so organizes and perfects the mechanical plant that the worker yields ever a greater result from his labor; the mechanism, that the worker has neither joy nor benefit from his increased productivity, the industrial master absorbing everything down to the limits of the worker's miserable existence; the young minister who preaches master-class supremacy as God's own dispensation; and the teacher who poisons the intellectual life of society at its springs by impressing upon the minds of the young the standard of the master-and-slave order of life.

Now and again your J. Howard Moore, your Veblen, your Giddings or your Lester F. Ward, goes out consciously to raise the social ideal, to expand the social consciousness. But while John D. Rockefeller presents the Chicago University with \$25,000,000 in interest-bearing stocks and bonds, the faculty of that institution will not be likely to unsparringly condemn the system which forces ignorant workers to donate to the university the annual interests on these securities.

Nor do we marvel that the educator is a prostitute. Rather do we wonder at the interpid few-teachers, ministers

and journalists who go out in the teeth of disaster to assert their honest convictions. Woe be unto them! their bones bleach by the upward trail.

Our prime need in education is a new soil in which to root educational institutions—a free economic soil. The spirit of freedom will not be found in our educational institutions until the fact of freedom has been established in our bread-getting field. For by "freedom is meant, under present bourgeois conditions of production free selling and buying." And trust domination has limited even this "unconscionable free trade" to the free buying by masters of human beings—or what comes to the same thing, their labor power—in the competitive market.

One purpose of industrial concentration is to enable those in control to restrict the output of products and thus maintain the price of the limited output. But competition among the workers cheapens them to the masters, and those who own no means of production are held up and forced to sell their one commodity, labor power, on a market which is utterly demoralized by the excess of the supply of labor energy over the demand for it.

We workers are always on the market and continuously making forced sales. In this respect the position of your teacher does not differ essentially from that of the common laborer. Your mechanic sells himself into a machine shop where he becomes an attachment to a tool. Your teacher sells himself as an attachment to a social instrument, an institution, where he must mould young minds for service according to a master-class ideal.

And this makes little difference in the final result whether Rockefeller and his group own the schools directly or whether they own the sources from which school revenues are drawn. The school boards, like other "people's officials," from poundmaster to president, are the obedient choreboys of the masters of the bread.

There will be no freedom in education until the opportunity to get bread is free. Meantime, we must faithfully support our own press and such schools as have been established for the propagation of the new ideals. But more important than all is social control of school boards. Just as the workers must own the industrial system of the country before we shall have an industrial democracy, so must they control the school system before we shall have a people's education.

Every boy may not be president; but every boy should have an opportunity to qualify for the presidency

or any other position to which he may aspire.

No individual is great of himself—we are of society and we owe to society the gifts which it places in our hands. "He who lives to himself is dead, though the ground be not upon him." The student who regards himself as an individual who must achieve power and place by clambering pell-mell over the prostrate bodies of his fellows, has need of the vision of that "association in which the free development of each is the condition for the free development of all.

WHO THROWS AWAY HIS VOTE?
By John M. Work.

The man who votes against his own interests is the one who throws away his vote.

If you vote the republican or democratic ticket, you vote against your own interest.

The republican and democratic parties stand for the continuation of the present capitalist system of industry, which robs you of most of your earnings. They are run in the interest of the capitalist class.

If you vote the republican or democratic ticket, you help to strengthen and perpetuate the rule of your enemies, so that they can continue to rob you.

Your ballot is a strong and heavy club.

If you vote the republican or democratic ticket, you hand that club over to the capitalist class, saying, "Please smash me over the head with that!" And they smash you alright.

If you vote the Socialist ticket, even if it is not elected, you strengthen and build up the party which is destined to emancipate you.

The only way you can avoid throwing away your vote is by voting the Socialist ticket.

The only way in which you can make your vote hasten the day of your deliverance is by voting the Socialist ticket.

To vote any other ticket is to vote to make your chains heavier.

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