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OPPORTUNITIES.

The time comes in every man's life when he stands at the "parting of the ways," as it were; when he must necessarily make the choice of what he intends and expects to do and be. The time comes also, when he is in the world's wheel, and he is just as successful in the same thing. There is a place for each of us to fill.

There is some work at which we can excel. The great trouble with all of us is, we feel jealous of some one who has risen to the seemingly higher position than we occupy, and are impelled by this jealousy to do things which are not for the good of the world. It is the man who has the capacity and ability to do the so-called higher, or greater things.

It is quite believable that the Infinite Wisdom who planned this universe, laid his plans along these lines, giving to some more abundant gifts than to others, for the purpose that all things might be done as they should be; but, certainly attaching no greater importance to one than to the other. So, my brother, don't worry and fret because you are not occupying the position held by another because of its seeming greater importance, for possibly you could not fill it if you were in it, but get into your own place, where you know you can succeed, and keep your eyes open for opportunities, and when they come seize them and make the best of them, and you will soon be convinced that you are a greater success than you ever thought it possible to be.

Therefore, the man who does the so-called small things, and does them perfectly, is just as important a factor in the development of our civilization as is the man who has the capacity and ability to do the so-called higher, or greater things.

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FEDERATION.

Much has been said on the subject of federation, and there remains much more to be said. I fear, before we can be persuaded to lay aside our prejudices and jealousies, and bring together into a more harmonious body, the various crafts following the same general calling. For instance, the crafts following the general calling of the building trades have formed what is known as the "building trades section" of the A. F. of L., and while by no means perfect as yet, still they are accomplishing things never before heard of. What they are doing, others should be doing, and the result should be a more harmonious body, the various crafts following the same general calling.

GIVING WORK.

"The man out of a job," says an unknown writer, with brevity and truth, "does not want any one to give him work on earth, not just the working man; besides, that would mean industrial suicide for the men, as well as bankruptcy for the company. As I said before, I believe those men owe it to society and to our country's industries to make every effort to prevent their own unemployment, and they will have the greater respect of society for their pains."

NOTES.

When you drop your union card, no matter what you make yourself believe, or what excuse you give to some one else, you have "sold out" to the boss.

Union halls are the high schools of union men; there they study and digest the practical problems of life.

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WORKING CLASS POLITICAL TACTICS.

The following address was given by Mrs. Kate S. Hilliard before the Social Science club of Salt Lake City on Thursday evening, December 9th.

The subject for discussion this evening is the different methods employed by the organizations which are making for socialism. Therefore, it would be well to agree upon a definition for socialism, its aim, and its method for gaining the end. The accepted definition of socialism is: The collective ownership by the people of the land and of all the means of production, distribution and transportation; its aim—the abolition of the wage system, which results in wage slavery. The power for its accomplishment, the economic solidarity of the working class and political action. Everyone will agree that this is the correct definition.

Socialism is a working class movement. To be correctly understood it must be looked at from the economic interests of the working class. It is a worldwide movement and cannot be confined to, or represented by, any one organization or set of people. Many people reform movements and reformers with the social movement, and this confusion must be avoided, for these cloud the real issue and do more to retard the growth of socialism than its outspoken enemies. Juvenile courts, reformatories, and the various associations with their long train of relatives, socialists, and the system which the socialist would remove to replace with a co-operative commonwealth. The foundation for the new structure is in course of construction, for socialism is not destructive, but it is constructive. Reform movements are established to help delinquents, but they are really a protection for a society which furnishes a breeding ground for criminality, and those who work on these lines are more culpable than the unfortunate whose lives tend to make them criminals.

Any organization which admits that the capitalist system must be succeeded by the socialist system, and which recognizes the class struggle, is recognized as a factor in the socialist movement. Whether they are strong factors or weak factors is an open question. There are four known or organized bodies in the United States which take this stand, and the methods adopted by each is the subject matter of this paper. First, there is the Christian Fellowship association; second, the Industrial Workers of the World; third, the Socialist party; and fourth, the Socialist labor party.

Factors in the Movement.

The Christian Fellowship association is not a political body; many of its members, however, are associated with the Socialist party. It recognizes the class struggle, and the inevitability of the necessity for the Socialist republic. Its membership is quite large, and includes clergymen, church-going people and people of many fads. The main work of the organization is to get the subject of socialism before the congregations of the various churches. This is the one thing on which they all agree. But some of the members think a change of heart in the individuals is necessary before socialism can be made possible. They claim that Christ was a Socialist, a claim that is a pure fallacy. Socialism is born of capitalism; its inevitability is a necessity come from wage slavery, and wage slavery comes from the improved machinery for production, which is owned and controlled by a few men who, as a result, own and control the labor power of the people. Christ was a revolutionary, and it is to say that he was a Socialist. The Christian Fellowship dwells on the Golden Rule and its members identify themselves with reform movements, and the result is a postoffice as a demonstration of the kind of socialists that point to socialism, which it is not. Their

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