

“Clarionism” Exposed

The Works and Doings of Robert Blatchford Analyzed from a Class-Conscious Socialist Standpoint.

Below will be found a criticism of Robert Blatchford, editor of the "London Clarion." It is taken from the "Socialist Monthly," a journal published in Edinburgh, Scotland.

socialist movement in the early nineties began to assume some degree of importance in politics, a gentleman of the name of H. H. Champion came to the front, and did his utmost by every form of intrigue and low cunning to "use" the party of the workers in the interests of the Tory Party.

ment secured to the workers. Even the capitalist press predicted a vast accession of strength to the socialist movement as a result of the great disaster. The socialist movement has grown and is growing fast—our numbers were not recruited at that time by a tithe of what was expected.

butchery of the Featherstone miners by the mauler Asquith. "With such a record as this, with such connections as these we have, what is to be expected of any pronouncement of his on the subject of socialism. And the perusal of his book did not disappoint this expectation.

amity! I have always been against revolution. I do not think a revolution is possible in Britain—because the people have too much sense! (1) How sensible it is to continue being exploited—take heart of grace ye common sense upholders of capitalism—essrs. Durt, Fenwick & Co.

Irresponsibility

The greatest obstacle that stands in the way of working class participation in the benefits of modern progress is the attitude of irresponsibility displayed by the members of our class with regard to our class interests.

members are affected by the state of the body. That the welfare of each is dependent upon the welfare of the whole is an unquestioned truism—none will doubt that the individual prospers more in a prosperous land than he can in a pauperized and stagnant country.

cline in their condition. No matter how fast, or how good a workman one is, he is not exempted from the influence of the general state of the trade in which he is employed. As an illustration of this let us turn to the cotton weaver and see how the general movement of industry has affected him.

telligent enough to make happen. Those who suffer from evils are the ones who must battle out the overthrow of the evils; those who suffer from them not will never be in much of a hurry for their removal; and those who derive advantage from the wrong will strain their utmost against its ever being righted.

attainable pleasure. How many are there amongst the workers who associate with their fellows for the purpose of improving the condition of the class to which they belong? And of those who do connect themselves with their trade organization, how few are there who ever devote any time to the consideration of the problems that surround them and their class.



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