

and dominate the whole that society must rise in its might and restore the proper balance."

"Money is at the bottom of all misrepresentations. Not money put into hands—not bribes. That's old-fashioned and crude. But it is accomplished by warning men that if they do not do as they are told they can't get money for their business. If they do not do as they are told, they can't get accommodations at the bank. The man who does not do as he is told is not invited to places; he becomes not only a political but a social outcast."

"What is called radicalism in our day is derived from the Latin word which means a root. It means simply going to the root of things. It means not being contented with merely trimming the branches off the tree, but going to the root of it, renewing and enriching the soil and making good those things from which the whole tree is drawn."

"The radical in our time takes leave to open his eyes wide and see things as they are. In order to be rational, you must see all of the facts, and a reasonable radical is the only kind worth talking to. To be an unreasonable radical is just as bad as to be an unreasonable reactionary. The whole thing is a process of insight."

"It must not be a process of revenge, of class hatred, or waiting to get back at other men for this or that. You don't cure one wrong by another wrong."

The North American adds: "When we ventured to compare Governor Wilson's public utterances with those of two of America's greatest sons, we had in mind not only the forceful clarity of the English that he uses, the utter lack of ambiguity or equivocation, the far-sighted, tolerant treatment of all opponents and the earnest patriotism so evident in speech utterly devoid of oratorical trickery. We noted also the frequent, instructive lapsing from dignified discussion into homely metaphor and telling epigram. As a final sidelight upon the character and courage and purposes of the man who within a year has moved from scholastic seclusion into the position of one of the foremost public men of the time, we think the fact that the following verses by Edward Rowland Sill is the favorite poem of Governor Wilson, is significant to all who are watching his career:"

OPPORTUNITY

This I beheld or dreamed it in a dream;
There spread a cloud of dust along the plain,
And underneath the cloud, or in it raged
A furious battle, and men yelled, and swords
Shocked upon swords and shields. A prince's
banner
Wavered, then staggered backward, hemmed by
foes.

A craven hung along the battle's edge
And thought, "Had I a sword of keener steel—
That blue blade that the king's son bears—but this
Blunt thing!" he snapped and flung it from his
hand,
And lowering crept away and left the field.

Then came the king's son—wounded, sore bested
And weaponless—and saw the broken sword,
Hilt buried in the dry and trodden sand,
And ran and snatched it, and with battle shout
Lifted afresh, he hewed the enemy down,
And saved a great cause that heroic day.

—Philadelphia North American.

ORGANIZE ONE EVERYWHERE

Seattle, Wash., October 30.—A new political factor in the state of Washington is the Young Men's Democratic club of Seattle, organized October 21st. The club starts with a large membership, and an enrollment of one thousand members is expected within the next six months. It is intended to be a permanent institution. Headquarters will soon be opened, and the club looks forward eventually to a building of its own.

The Young Men's Democratic club of Seattle will encourage the formation of similar clubs in other cities; and, if a sufficient number of these are organized, a state league of Young Men's Democratic clubs will be organized. This would serve to revivify the party.

J. F. Roy Erford, a young Seattle lawyer, who is president of the club, looks for a democratic victory in both nation and state. "Progressive principles are democratic principles," says Mr. Erford. "Young men are naturally progressive, consequently eighty per cent of them are democrats in principle, although most of them vote the republican ticket. Some of these do not realize that they are democrats; others do not wish to acknowledge that they are democrats because of the lure of the loaves and fishes that have been heretofore plentiful in the republican camp, so they call themselves progressive republicans. We are out to show the young

Some Interesting Replies to Cardinal Gibbons and Archbishop Ireland

Under the headline, "Contrasting Opinions," the Dubuque (Iowa) Telegraph-Herald, edited by a Catholic layman, says:

Having heard from Cardinal Gibbons and Archbishop Ireland that to adopt the initiative, referendum and recall would be to open the way to "the mob" rule, let us turn to an utterance by the late Justice Harlan whose opinions carried a weight attaching to no other justice of the supreme court, by virtue of his character and his length of service. Speaking in New York shortly before his death Justice Harlan said:

"The people mean what is right, and the most certain thing in all the public affairs of this country is that if you give the people time to think and discuss all the public questions fully and fairly before them, their final judgment is better than the judgment of any political convention."

It may be asked if what Justice Harlan said is true and, if it is true, why it is true that the final judgment of the people is better than the final judgment of a political convention. The answer is that selfishness is more likely to influence delegates in a political convention than the mass of the people. Who know anything of politics know that the personal equation is the largest factor in it. Self-preservation is the first law of nature, and the tendency of men is to ask themselves, "How will this affect me?" and not "How will this affect my people?" If we can devise in this country machinery which shall enable the people to make deciding choice between given policies, that will best subserve the ends of democratic government.

PROGRESS, NOT OBSTRUCTION

We take pleasure in reproducing herewith an extract from an editorial in reply to the criticisms of the initiative, referendum and recall by Cardinal Gibbons and Archbishop Ireland. The reply is a notable one from the fact of its appearance in the Western World, a Catholic weekly published at Des Moines. It indicates that the voice of the cardinal and the archbishop on these matters is not only not the voice of the church—which of course, it could not be—but is not even reflective of the opinion of the church press. We quote:

"If such things as direct elections, initiative and referendum, and the recall are not to be resorted to, what are the proper remedies? We know that prelates of the Catholic church see the tendency towards socialistic ideas and doctrines in these matters, but what are the people to do? Laws are made in the interest of great trusts and monopolies, and other laws are prevented from being enforced by the influence of the same conscienceless power in this country. The multi-millionaires are continuing to pile up wealth while the wage earners are kept poor. The workers for wages, or salaries, have to pay just as much and often more for the necessities of life as those who command fabulous fortunes and through whose influence over legislation and courts unjust laws are enacted and good laws made ineffective. We do not hear much denunciation of the money power, which at times seems to control national and state legislative bodies. We do not hear sermons enough in condemnation of the awful greed and the dishonest methods of business em-

men that the democratic party is the progressive party and, therefore, the young man's party, and that every honest progressive ought to be in the progressive party. If we succeed in this, the democratic party will be an easy winner in 1912."

NOTHING TO TAKE BACK

With all due deference to our good Brother Johnson of the Waverly Democrat, we have nothing to change or take back in what has been said in these columns resenting the insult to every democrat in Ohio, when The Commoner, intentionally, or unintentionally, omitted the name of Governor Harmon from its list of possible candidates for the democratic nomination for president. If the slight was intentional it is natural for the democrats of Ohio to resent the insult, and if unintentional The Commoner has had ample time and opportunity to acknowledge it. And we still hope it will.—Napoleon Northwest News.

And not to be out-done in the amenities of the profession, we beg pardon of Brother Orwig while we hasten to say that in discussing Mr. Bryan and Mr. Harmon, the editor of the Northwest presents a glaring inconsistency. The Northwest knows that Mr. Harmon did not sup-

ported by men who control and manipulate markets, who combine to keep prices high and to corner necessities. Socialism may be wrong and socialistic tendencies are, perhaps, to be deprecated, but the real sources of socialistic leanings among the people of this country are to be found in the injustices and hardships which flow from the power that money gives the few to rule legislatures and judges by appealing to the cupidity of human nature. It may be all right to denounce socialism, but does it not seem that the most effective way to combat this menace is to make war on those things which are turning the people towards socialism as towards their only hope against injustice?"

The first conclusion to be drawn from the temper of the Western World's editorial is that its editor feels himself under no obligation to hold up the hands of President Taft or sustain the republican party in return for favors past, or to come.

The second conclusion to be drawn is that, living among the people as one of them, facing the same problems and enduring the same suffering and harassed by the same fears, the editor of the Western World is well able to understand their needs, their aspirations and the processes of their thought. He is therefore well qualified to point the error in a course of hierarchical obstruction to political reform—obstruction which offers nothing of sympathy, guidance or help to the people.

The church in Belgium, Germany, Austria and Hungary has been impressed with the futility of the Gibbons-Ireland course. While in these countries a course of obstruction was pursued the church lost in membership and influence from an opinion which became conviction in many cases, that it was out of sympathy with the masses and impotent to help them in the solution of their problems and the redress of their grievances. The wise men of the church in these countries saw that the best means of combating socialism was not to deny in toto any virtue in the movement, but to take up so much of it that is good and seek to secure its adoption into law. Thus the Christian social reform movement was born, its purpose avowedly being to safeguard the physical welfare of the worker in order to promote his mental and spiritual welfare. Today the church in these countries offers to its members an alternative to socialism in this movement. It decries the waste of effort in talking religion to a man with an empty stomach and recognizes that he is certain to be a better Christian if he is well fed, if he is able to provide for his children and is given the political means to relieve himself of economic harassments that make him fearful of the morrow.

This movement has been adopted into England, where industrial conditions are in ferment. The German Catholic central Verein has taken it up in the United States. As economic problems here become more and more acute, more and more will be heard of this movement in the United States and less and less of hierarchical objections to political reforms deemed necessary by progressive public opinion.—Dubuque (Iowa) Telegraph Herald.

port Mr. Bryan in 1896, and but very sparingly ever since that year. Mr. Harmon was a Cleveland partisan, a believer in that president's policies and principles and Mr. Cleveland despised and detested Mr. Bryan. Grover Cleveland's sympathies were with the "interests." Mr. Bryan's were and are with the people in their struggle against the selfishness of capital and greed. Mr. Cleveland was dead wrong. Mr. Bryan was right and six millions of voters endorsed his position.

And now because Mr. Bryan does not see fit to stultify himself by including in his list of "eligibles," a man who has refused him his support for fifteen long years, who does not believe in many of the principles promulgated by Mr. Bryan, almost every single one of which has been ultimately incorporated into both democratic and republican platforms since 1896, in the meantime becoming laws of the land, the esteemed Northwest takes the astonishing position that Mr. Bryan should apologize to Mr. Harmon.

We can't see it that way and if Brother Orwig will name some democrats of Ohio who do not hold office by the grace of Governor Harmon, who do feel as he does, we'll agree to name five to his one who do not feel as he does.—Waverly (Ohio) Democrat.