

Our Reserve Force.

"Fools grant what e'er ambition craves. And men, once ignorant, are slaves." -Pope.

The long and sad experience of the human race has proved, only too truly, the well directed hit at ignorance contained in these two lines. The reformer feels many a headache when confronted with the mass of ignorance and stupid indifference which he meets with in his work.

Lawrence made these words immortal, and the reformer must make them practical. If one looked only on the dark side of our work, perhaps we should all retire, but there is a hopeful side as well. It is this hopeful side of the work of which I write.

Not, however, until Fort Sumpter was fired on did the millions wheel into line, and the war went on nearly two years before the country was prepared for emancipation.

All these years of our anti-slavery toll were contending with ignorance and prejudice in its grossest form, but all this time there was a reserve force. These same men who mobbed us in their mad rage of bigotry were not prepared to submit to a divided country.

No man can feel more keenly than I do the mass of ignorance and indifference about him. Even many who vote with us never spend time, money or effort to bring their neighbors into our work.

Well, then, is all lost? Is the case a hopeless one? Not yet! There is a reserve of force. It will yet show itself, I hope, and I believe it will. Suffering will bring it forth finally.

that intelligence may be in time. But there is much room for doubt and fear that violence will be the next trial of strength. This danger is much intensified because so few see the nature of our present condition.

The Barbarous Vagrant Laws.

ALTON, Ill., Dec. 26, '93. The executive letter of Governor Lewelling pertaining to tramps has brought our disgraceful and inhuman vagrant laws into notice.

These statutes were more humane than our American by being merciful to the aged vagrants in licensing them to beg. It would seem that the tramps of 1530 were not in as bad condition as our modern tramps.

Tourists to Florida and all points in the south beginning Dec. 29th 1893 the Missouri Pacific route have on sale Tourist tickets to all points in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, New Mexico, Alabama, Texas, and Louisiana tickets good to return June 1st, 1894.

The American Institute of Christian Sociology.

Last summer there was organized at Chautauqua, I think, "The American Institute of Christian Sociology," with Dr. Richard T. Eg. Ph. D., LL.D., of the University of Wisconsin as president; and as vice-presidents: Bishop John H. Vincent, D. D., Buffalo; Rev. Josiah Strong, D. D., New York; Rev. Phillip Moxon, D. D., Boston; Rev. John H. Barrows, D. D., Chicago; Rev. H. Garrison, A. M., St. Louis.

No. 1 contains constitution, minutes of organization, etc. No. 2 contains a list of books; the best books—for the use of students—in sociology.

Any one may obtain these leaflets by addressing the secretary. The circumstance out of which this organization grew was the organization of a club in Burlington, Ia., called the "Young Men's Christian Social Union of the Congregational Church."

It was formed February 23, 1892, under the leadership of the pastor, Dr. Herrero. From a class of twelve to fifteen members, as at first contemplated, it increased at once to fifty members.

The objects of the club were reduced to writing later on, and were stated as follows: First—To study the political and social problems of our times, in the light of the Gospel of Christ.

Second—To endeavor to advance the practice of the Golden Rule of Christ in industry and society. Third—To live in the bonds of Christian brotherhood one with another.

The above is certainly a list of practical questions, to write upon which, intelligently and instructively, would require wide reading and much reflection.

This organization has already drawn and will continue to draw thousands of young men and women, for it is open to the latter, into its membership.

The results of systematic study under the leadership of scholars and scientists and the friction of discussion must lead to the formation of correct opinions and the ability to think for one's self on the great questions now in issue.

Every-day who knows anything worth knowing, about the reform movement now in progress, knows that it is world-wide in its movement. No land in which the capitalistic system of production prevails is exempt from the pressure of this movement.

It is necessary to the eminent success of the said system that a dependent class shall be produced in order that a labor market may be established. This market can be established only by producing an absolutely dependent class—a class destitute of property.

When their labor can be bought and sold as a commodity. The labor market is well established in England, France, Germany and most European countries.

In the operation of this capitalist-wage-competition in its relations to the market, one thing is to be regarded; the laborer must receive enough of real wages—food, clothing and shelter—to enable him to do his work daily and to produce offspring who shall in turn take the places of the parents when they are worn out.

At least they may be. It is to the investigation of these causes that the American Institute of Christian Sociology proposes to give its attention.

A POEM FOR THE NEW YEAR.

"Ring out the old, ring in the new. Ring out the false, ring in the true." The millionaire, what right has he To break high heaven's old decree That men should labor for their bread?

Then we must close the open door And keep cheap labor from our shore. And if that plan shall not avail To stop the needy's bitter wail, Then government large aid must give, Or forfeit its own right to live.

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FOR SALE. A BARGAIN—We have a Rockford Newspaper Folding Machine for sale. This folder has been in use but a short time, and is as good as new.

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