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SUMMARY OF TORY BILL TO CRIPPLE TRADE UNIONS.

This very full and faithful summary will be found particularly useful by many of our readers. For the most part the text of the Bill has been strictly adhered to. Readers of the "Sheffield Co-operator" may find this item serviceable for reference.

Illegal Strikes.

Any strike having any object besides the furtherance of a trade dispute within the trade or industry in which the strikers are engaged, is an illegal strike if it is a strike designed or calculated to cover the Government, or to intimidate the community or any substantial portion of the community. It is illegal to commence, or continue, or to apply any sums in furtherance or support of any such illegal strike.

If any person declares, instigates, furthers, or takes part in a strike declared to be illegal he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years.

The provisions of the Trade Disputes Act, 1926, shall not apply to any act done in contemplation of or furtherance of a strike which is by this Act declared to be illegal.

"Dichards and Suicide."

What a Tory Editor Thinks of the Bill.

"This deadly Bill revives the spirit of class war. It will mend nothing, but serve no purpose. An astounding sub-clause declares that a strike is 'illegal' if it is calculated to intimidate any substantial portion of the community. What words are those? What do they mean? What universal challenge to strike and litigation? A mere political condemnation of vague and confusing verbiage the law cannot know. What is 'a substantial portion of the community'? Is it 50 per cent. or less? Who knows?—J. L. GARVIN, in 'The Observer,' April 10th.

Protection of Persons Refusing to Take Part in Illegal Strikes.

No person refusing to take part in any strike which is declared to be illegal, shall be, by reason of such refusal or by reason of any action taken by him under this section, subject to expulsion from any trade union or society, or to any fine or penalty, or to deprivation of any right or benefit.

No provisions of the Trade Unions Act, 1927, to 1927, limiting the proceedings which may be entertained by any court, and nothing in the rules of a trade union or any society requiring the reference of disputes to arbitration shall apply to any proceeding for enforcing any right or exemption secured by this section, and in any such proceeding the court may, in lieu of ordering a person who has been expelled from membership of a trade union or society to be restored to membership, order that he be paid out of the funds of the trade union or society such sum by way of compensation or damages as the court thinks just.

As respects any strike before the passing of this Act which is declared by this section to be illegal, this section shall have effect as if it had been in operation when the strike took place.

Prevention of Intimidation, &c.

It is unlawful for one or more persons to attend at or near a house or place where a person resides or works or happens to be, for the purpose of obtain-

ing or communicating information of, or persuading or inducing any person to work or to abstain from working, if they so attend in such numbers or otherwise in such manner as to be calculated to intimidate any person in that house or place, or to obstruct the approach thereto or egress therefrom, or to lead to a breach of the peace.

In this section the expression "to intimidate" means to cause in the mind of a person a reasonable apprehension of injury to him or to any member of his family or of violence or damage to any person or property, and the expression "apprehension of injury" includes an apprehension of boycott, or loss of any kind, or of exposure to hatred, ridicule, or contempt.

It shall not be lawful for one or more persons, for the purpose of inducing any person to abstain from working, to watch or loiter in a house or place where a person resides or, the approach to such a house or place, and any person who acts in contravention of this sub-section shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £20 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months.

Provisions as to Political Fund.

It shall not be lawful to require any member of a trade union to make any contribution to the political fund of a trade union unless before the date upon which the contribution is levied he has delivered to an office of the trade union, notice in writing in the form set out in the First Schedule to this Act, and every member of a trade union who has not delivered such notice as aforesaid, or who, having delivered such a notice, has withdrawn it, shall be deemed for the purposes of the Trade Union Act, 1913, to be a member who is exempt from the obligation to contribute to the political fund of the union.

All contributions to the political fund of a trade union shall be levied and made separately from any contributions to the other funds of the trade union and no other assets of the union shall be carried to that fund or directly or indirectly applied in furtherance of any political object to which section three of the Trade Union Act, 1913, applies, and any charge in contravention of this sub-section shall be void.

All rules of a trade union made and approved in accordance with the requirements of section three of the Trade Union Act, 1913, shall be deemed to conform to the requirements of this Act, and as so amended shall be approved by the Registrar of Friendly Societies within six months after the commencement of this Act.

If the Registrar is satisfied with the amended rules he may approve those rules and they shall thereupon have effect as rules of the union notwithstanding that the provisions of the rules of the union as to the alteration of the rules or the making of new rules have not been complied with.

Regulations as to the Organisations of which Registered Civil Servants may be members.

Amongst the regulations as to the conditions of service in His Majesty's civil establishments there shall be included regulations requiring established civil servants from being members,

delegates, or representatives of any organisation of which the primary object is to influence or affect the remuneration and conditions of employment of its members, unless the organisation is an organisation of which the membership is confined to persons employed by or under the Crown and is an organisation which complies with such provisions as may be contained in the regulations for securing that it is in all respects independent of, and not affiliated to any such organisation as aforesaid the membership of which is not confined to persons employed by or under the Crown or any federation comprising such organisations, that its objects do not include political objects, and that it is not associated directly or indirectly with any political party or organisation.

Provided that the regulations made in compliance with the provisions of this section shall not prevent—

(a) an established civil servant from remaining a member of any trade union or organisation of which he had, at the commencement of this Act, been a member for more than six months if under the rules thereof he is or may become entitled to any payment during incapacity, or by way of superannuation, or on the death of himself or his wife, or as provision for his children; or

(b) a person who in addition to being an established civil servant, is, apart from his service as such, also engaged in some other employment or occupation from being any member, delegate, or representative of a trade union or organisation, of which the primary object is to influence or affect the remuneration or conditions of employment of persons engaged in that employment or occupation.

SIR HENRY SLESBER, K.C., an authority on Trade Unions writes: "Never in the whole of my experience have I known a Bill dealing with a district which is so badly drafted, so confused, and so unbecomingly."

If any established civil servant knowingly contravenes any of the provisions of the said regulations he shall be disqualified for continuing to be a member of the Civil Service.

Provisions as to Persons Employed by Local and Other Public Authorities.

It shall not be lawful for any local or other public authority to make it a condition of the employment or continuance in employment of any person that he shall or shall not be a member of a trade union.

There shall be added to section five of the Conspiracy and Protection of Property Act, 1875, the following provision, to wit:—

If any person employed by a local or other public authority wilfully breaks a contract of service with that authority, knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that the probable consequence of

his so doing either alone or in combination with others, will be to hinder or prevent the discharge of the functions of the authority, he shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding £10 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months.

Restraint of Application of Funds of Trade Unions, &c., in Contention of Act.

Without prejudice to the right of any person having a sufficient interest in the relief sought to sue or apply for an injunction to restrain any application of the funds of a trade union in contravention of the provisions of this Act, such an injunction may be granted at the suit or upon the application of the Attorney-General.

GUARDIANS' BY-ELECTION

CO-OPERATIVE SUCCESS IN ST. PHILIP'S WARD.

The Co-operative Party has added to its strength in Guardian representation by the election of Mrs. J. Billam for the St. Philip's Ward.

An arrangement was made with the Central District Labour Party to give the Co-operative candidate the opportunity of filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. S. Warren.



MRS. J. BILLAM.

Mr. P. C. Hoffman (the Labour Parliamentary candidate for the Central Division) and Mr. T. Gibbs (the agent) threw themselves enthusiastically into the fight. Guildworkmen and Co-operative Party supporters also rallied round the local organisation. Scores of open-air meetings were held, two well-attended indoor meetings, and the district was thoroughly canvassed, with the result that Mrs. Billam secured 1,470 votes against Mr. B. Creswick's 978 which gave Mrs. Billam a majority of 492.

The new Guardian is a secretary of one of the Co-operative Party Women's Sections, a prominent guildworkman, and the wife of the secretary of the Sheffield and Ecclesall co-operative educational committee.

Mrs. Billam wishes to thank all those who assisted in the campaign. We understand that the organisation worked smoothly and effectively under the capable supervision of the new Labour agent, Mr. T. Gibbs. Our hearty congratulations to Mrs. Billam and to the workers in securing the victory.

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**BRIGHTSIDE AND CARBROOK
NEW BRANCH PREMISES.**

The Brightside and Carbrook Society opened its new premises on the Manor Estate on Saturday, April 29th. The new premises comprise composite shop-grocery and provisions, chemist and druggist, green fruit, confectionery and tobacco; dairy shop, butchery, hardware and crockery, books and shoes.

Mr. Geo. Thorpe, J.P., the G.O.M. of the co-operative movement (ex-president of the C.W.S.), made a fine speech, as also did Mr. C. H. Wilson, J.P., M.P. A large crowd attended the opening ceremony, which was performed by Mr. S. J. Skinner, a former member of the board. The president of the society (Mr. J. Disabietto, J.P.) presided over the gathering. Subsequently tea was provided in the Primitive Methodist School-room, Intake car terminus.

The new premises have been erected by the society's own works department, and are a credit to Mr. Gilbert (the manager) and his staff. All the latest improvements in the way of showroom fittings and economical accommodation have been included.

It is interesting to note that the Manor Estate now promises a population equal to the town of Buxton.

The two Sheffield societies are making remarkable progress in the way of both trade and membership. We have not yet got the Sheffield and Ecclesall figures for the last quarter, but below we print the Brightside and Carbrook figures for the quarter ended April 25th, 1927:—

	£	s.	d.
Total sales (13 weeks) ..	302,666	3	4
Increase on six months ..	43,093	16	4
Increase on 12 months ..	36,142	18	6
Grocery sales (13 weeks) ..	269,377	15	4
Increase on six months ..	25,817	3	7
Increase on 12 months ..	20,976	18	8
Membership	43,390		
Increase	1,681		

Have you yet joined? If not, inquire at the nearest co-operative branch. Free membership is still operative.

**HILLSBOROUGH GARDEN
PARTY.**

The Hillsborough Co-operative Party have arranged a garden party on Saturday, May 28th. The function will be held on the ground adjoining the Institute. Full social programme is being arranged for the afternoon, which will include musical items, community singing, novelty stalls, and so on. Tea will be provided in the guild room at a moderate charge, and in the evening a fancy dress carnival dance will be held in the Institute. Mr. A. V. Alexander, M.P., will be present. The principal object of the affair is to increase the membership of the Hillsborough Party. The new individual membership scheme is making rapid progress, but the committee is ambitious to the extent of doubling the present membership on May 28th. Friends and supporters of the Party are given a hearty invitation. The price for admission has not yet been fixed definitely, but we understand that the charge is to be very moderate, in order to guarantee a large attendance and attain the principal object for which the function has been arranged.

Further particulars will be announced to all supporters by circular-letter, and posted on the Institute notice board. Also the secretary, Mr. E. Kell, 238, Providence-road, Walkley, will be pleased to give further information to all.

WALKLEY BY-ELECTION.

HEARTY congratulations to Councillor J. Holland on his election for Walkley in the vacancy created by the death of the late Councillor Spencer. As we pointed out in our last issue, there were three candidates, but only two policies. As a direct contradiction to "Current Topics" contention that the Labour Party had already lost the confidence of the people, Councillor Holland secured a larger number of votes than the other two candidates put together.

We are asked to express Councillor Holland's thanks to all those who assisted on his behalf in the campaign.

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CO-OPERATORS JOIN
THE FRAY.**

We are glad that the Central Board of the Co-operative Union decided last week to give its strongest opposition to the Government's Bill for the crushing of trade unions.

We may denounce general strikes or political strikes as we like; we may declaim about their fatality; we may have all the sympathy imaginable with efforts to promote peace in industry; but peace, even in industry, will never be achieved by a declaration of war. This was proved by the 1914-1918 debacle. We shall never prevent strikes by saying they must not take place. We shall never prevent people from doing stupid things by saying they "must not."

The Government's Bill is one of the most obvious pieces of class legislation ever promoted. It is the most clumsily drafted measure ever put before Parliament. It leaves too much to the judges to determine according to their own whim, and while British judges, on the whole, have an excellent reputation for administering even-handed justice, what Labour will say in the face of a political measure that leaves interpretations to judges is not the judges' business, in most cases, appointed to their posts because they are political adherents of the party in office when the appointment is made.

The Government's Bill is not a direct blow at supporters of trade unions and their organisations, but a direct blow at the whole power of organised democracy. It would make it illegal to have a strike of any kind; it would make industrial organisations well-nigh impossible; and, of this there is no doubt, if the Government succeeded in stopping the political vein in the trade unions, it would speedily attempt to determine what objects co-operators might or might not apply their funds and their energies.

The Home Secretary has powers to do as he pleases with any restriction on the liberty or independence of the individual, and the most striking examples of the "tyranny" of trade unions quoted by Government supporters of this measure are offences which can be punished under the law as it is. The Bill, so far as it relates to general strikes, is unnecessary, for there is never likely to be another general strike unless under circumstances in which no Act of Parliament would have the slightest effect. Democratic organisations must co-operate to frustrate the Government's intentions in this matter.

From the "Co-operative News."

EASTER RAMBLES.

The Co-operative Party rambles have grown to such large numbers that three separate parties were organised for Easter Monday. About thirty took the long tramp from Grindleford to Buxton; over sixty took the ramble to Conyforth; and were entertained at the Friends' Adult School Camp, where games and sports took place in the afternoon. A large section of the Hillsborough party—50 in all—held a field day at Glenhowe, where again games and sports were indulged in.

There are a few copies of the Co-operative Party Ramblers' Handbook for sale in hand, early application for same should be made to the secretary, Mr. A. Ballard, 6, Bank-street, price 2s., which includes membership of the club for 1927.

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Guests Received all the year Round.

The April meeting of the City Council was held on Wednesday, the 6th. The Lord Mayor opened with a tribute to the late Councillor A. Spencer, of Walkley. He spoke of his lovable disposition, and the pleck with which, in spite of physical disability, he carried on his work both for his union and the city. The Council members, standing, registered a vote of condolence to his family.

The Market tenants sent a protest against the new market scheme, as expected, but the present Markets Committee is not likely to consider the matter but the public benefit, and the tenants will have to fit in, and they might as well do so cheerfully as possible.

The (Physically) Blind Led by the (Mentally) Blind.

The old proverb seems to be well illustrated by the appalling lack of ordinary intelligence displayed by the committee of the Blind Institution. This committee seem to run under the delusion that if a thing was good enough twenty years ago it is good enough to-day. One may recall that for two or three years the Labour people endeavoured to get a show on the committee. They proposed certain matters which were not to the benefit of the Institution and had not been suggested by the management, but even this did not soften their hearts, and although Labour obtained the majority of votes at the meetings when it came to a count, they brought out shewes of proxies from people who had not troubled to attend, and silenced their critics accordingly.

Meanwhile the cost of the Blind was rising on account of demands made by the Ministry of Health on local authorities, and the amount paid to the Guardians and the City Council by the Institution exceeded the amount raised by the voluntary subscribers.

Naturally the City Council and Guardians demanded a fairer share of representation. After meeting a lot of opposition to change of any kind, the Health Committee suggested that the committee consist of twenty-five people—twelve selected by the present committee, nine by the City Council and the Board of Guardians, West Riding County Council and the Rotherham Borough Council one each, the National League of the Blind to have one representative, and the remaining one to be an independent chairman. Thus, although the bulk of the money was public money, the public representatives were to be contented with eleven as against twelve representatives and a neutral chairman. This arrangement was actually provisionally agreed to, and then the Institution committee had the audacity to say that, in addition, the seven trustees should also have seats on the committee, thus putting the public in a hopeless minority. Under the circumstances the Health Committee could do nothing but propose to take over as a public function such services as were demanded by the institution.

Councillor Unwin endeavoured to put a case for the Institution. What a committee, and what an advocate! Coun-

cililar Asbury had an easy task in defending the action of the Health Committee.

Direct Labour.

The Estates Committee recommended that six houses be built in Edgewood, road at an estimated cost of £2,970 and offered for sale at £500 each. In reply to Councillor Sivil, Councillor Gascoigne said the amount did not include land, sewage, and road dedications, but that the cost would be covered by the help of the subsidy.

The Finance Committee reported that £5,300 had been approved as capital



COUNCILLOR A. BARTON.

expenditure for the provision of plant, scaffolding, &c., in connection with direct labour.

The Overseers and the Rates.

The Lord Mayor called attention to the fact that a very old institution had passed away in the shape of the Board of Overseers. They dated back to 601, and had done a great deal of good work in their time. On April 25th they were superseded by the new Rating Committee. To the workers and ratepayers of Sheffield it will be more interesting, because up to March 25th the whole business of rating was controlled by the Overseers, but from that date the new Rating Committee takes control, subject, of course, to national statutory law and the Ministry of Health, which does not allow, I am sorry to say, a great deal of variation in procedure.

However, the new committee have already in mind the making of a change to the "compounding" system, i.e., paying rent and rates together, as soon as it is possible to institute it, which will probably be—other things equal—in October next. I strongly protested in the Council when the change was made to direct rating, and predicted the consequences, but it is no pleasure to see prophecies of evil come true. However, as the old saying goes, "New men, new manners."

Military Tattoos.

One of the most pleasing features of the new régime is the absence of anything military and pertaining to the glorification of war. The derivation of our opponents still stimulates us to greater

efforts. We remember, if they do not, the millions of our youth whose lives were shortened, whose bodies were maimed, whose friends and relations were bereaved. And for what? To end war? No, to simulate preparations for more bloodshed and wholesale massacre.

The Bands School Committee wanted a military tattoo in Firth Park, but Councillors Mrs. Cheetham, Mossall, Thirwall, and others made telling speeches against it. Councillor Rowlinson said if they could show a representation of a real military tattoo as he had seen it in the late war, he would hold up both hands for it. It would be a lesson for the agitators of militarism.

Who Should Pay Rates—Landowners or Workers?

Councillor Barton moved a resolution which was carried without discussion. Probably the opposition to think there is no danger that the present Government will let it to be carried out. That is so, but we are hoping a Labour Government will have the reins of power before long, and the rating of land values may then be an accomplished fact. But the greater the pressure and the more the information the easier the task will be. It is certainly time that part of the burden of rates should be taken off the shoulders of industry and put on the back of the big ground landlords, who get richer and richer without any effort of their own, and how far that is the case will, I think, be demonstrated by the report when it appears. Here is the resolution as carried:

That seeing that the present incidence of rating presses hardly on the working-class population and is a serious industrial concern, and seeing that the value of land rises with the automatic growth of population, &c., and is therefore a common value and should be available for public purposes, this Council instructs the Finance and Rating Committee to report (a) as to the various sites and properties owned by the Corporation during the last 25 years, their purchase price, and the rates payable before such purchase was completed; (b) as to how far a rate on the selling value of land would assist in taking off the burdens from tenants and industrialists; and to make such inquiries as may be necessary for the foregoing purpose.

The Smoke Nuisance.

This is a matter which has troubled all progressive people for years. Unfortunately the laws on the subject have so many loopholes that it has been almost impossible to deal with the offenders. Even the new Act is not much, if any, better, but there is a clause which allows local authorities to co-operate. The Health Committee, I am pleased to say, has secured the assistance of Rotherham to a joint agreement in the matter. I have hopes that with a real live committee, on which the smoke fens have no friends, we shall be able to do much to make Sheffield a bright and healthy city and up to the level of Germany, which has shown that smoke is not necessary even in a highly industrial community. When doctors are telling us of the wonderful results of pure air and sunshine, it is nothing less than a crime to see a smoky screen between our people and the sky, thus promoting the very diseases we pay doctors to combat.

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WIDOWS WITHOUT PENSIONS.

(In view of the many applications we have received at the Sheffield Co-operative Party office in regard to pensions from widows who have been refused a pension, we print below a statement of the position by the Labour Party's pension expert—J. P. Silliker.)

In 1925, Miss Eleanor Rathbone, the president of the National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship, estimated that there were in Britain 245,000 civilian widows, mothers of 464,000 children under the age of sixteen—in addition to some 50,000 orphans. (These figures exclude the 103,000 war widows who are in receipt of pensions.)

The Government's actuary, in his report on the Financial Provisions of the Widows, Orphans, and Old-Age Contributory Pensions Bill, estimated the number of widows with children under fourteen, who would be eligible for pension under the Act, at 106,000—this being 80 per cent. of the whole number of widows with children under fourteen. It will be seen that, at the commencement of the Act on January 4th, 1926, there were 39,200 widows with children under fourteen who were not eligible for the pension.

Still Waiting!

The figures of the Government actuary are 10,000 less than those of Miss Rathbone. It was stated in the House of Commons, in November last, that the pensions granted to pre-Act widows numbered 130,870. If Miss Rathbone's figures are correct, this means that 120,000 widows with children have not received a pension. Even on the Government's estimate there are 66,000 widows who have not received a pension.

It was estimated that from January, 1926, until March 31st, 1927, 63,000 pre-Act widows would claim a pension under the contributory clauses. That is to say, the Government estimate of the number of widows' pensions payable on March 31st next, was 259,000. Actually, there have been, according to a reply given by the Minister of Health in the House of Commons last February, the following applications and rejections:

Applications, 239,024.
 Approved, 184,294.
 Rejections, 54,830.

That is to say, the actual pensions awarded do not equal the number estimated in respect of pre-Act widows. It must also be remembered that a large number of widows are not eligible for pension, even though the earnings of the husband were small. Apart from professional men, who may be debarred because their earnings are £250 a year, there are the hawkers, the boot repairers, the jobbing gardeners, the smallholders, and the croft-holders, and the fishermen who man the trawlers on a sharing basis—these, with the small shopkeeper, cannot be insured persons, even though their income on the average is less than £3 a week.

With—and Without.

A widow is only eligible for pension if 104 weeks have elapsed since her late husband entered into insurance, and if 104 contributions have been paid. Where 208 weeks have elapsed since the entry of the husband into insurance, he must have paid not less than twenty-six contributions in each of the three contribution years prior to his death. Widows have been refused pensions, although 100 contributions had been paid. This, however, only deals with the widow with children. What about the thousands of widows without children? Women aged from fifty to sixty-five years of age are refused pension, even though their husbands were insured persons.

The Labour Party in the House of Commons has raised the question whether the widow of an insured man, who died prior to January 4th, 1926, will be eligible for the old-age pension at sixty-five. Mr. Chamberlain, the Minister of Health, says so. Despite the answer given in the House of Commons, the Ministry of Health pursues its inquiries into the legal position.

As far as pensions for all widows are concerned, the Act is a sham. Much remains for Labour to do.

—Reprinted from the "Daily Herald."



And did those feet in ancient time,
 Walk upon England's mountains green?
 And was the Holy Lamb of God,
 On England's pleasant pastures seen?
 And did the Countess Drive down,
 Shine forth upon the clover hills?
 And was Jerusalem builded here,
 Among these dark Saxon walls?
 Bring me my bow of flaming gold!
 Bring me my arrows of desire!
 Bring me my spear! O clouds unfold,
 Bring me my chariot of fire!
 I will not cease from mental fight,
 Shall my sword sleep in my hand,
 Till we have built Jerusalem
 In England's green and pleasant land.

'At the Easter week-end for co-operators, held at Bristol, a good many learnt those beautiful words for "Jerusalem," as the song is called, we sang at the close of every meeting.

It is to be hoped that all educationalists will carry on the "mental fight" till the fair city of our dreams is established here.

The fans of the Sheffield co-operative ramblers' outfit, in fair-weather, see in a certain town in Devon, someone said, to me the book which records the ramblers' feat, and I agree.

A correspondent who had been to a mannequin parade where apparently some extreme fashions were displayed, asks: "Do women flimsily follow fashion, or do they lead it?" "One might say," with truth, "Both." There is a certain type of woman who chooses garments because they are the latest, irrespective of their suitability, but by far the largest number of normal women try to suit their particular style, when they can afford to choose.

This latter is an important point. Many a woman with limited means and large responsibilities chooses a garment on material for such because "it will wash" and is cheap. Hats, shoes, etc., follow in due course—often for the same reason. She knows she would prefer to select her garments with a regard for cost, but for so long has finance overshadowed her choice that even when she is in a position to really select, her good taste has been destroyed.

In looking back over the fashions of the past thirty years, I think everyone will admit that present-day fashion, whether woman follow or lead it, has decreed that garments shall be very much more comfortable, say heavier than they were. One cannot add clothes are prettier because one can remember in the days of one's youth how lovely we thought certain styles were. Yet today those styles appear to us as ludicrous. So every period has its fashions which basis evolve and then pass away.

Certainly the majority of people are better dressed today than they were in my girlhood's days.

The generous number of women who are engaged in trade and industry to-day are no doubt responsible for the improved appearance of the masses. The type of woman who could boast that her best dress and bonnet had lasted ten years is very rare!

In these days such garments might last, because they spent most of the time in the wardrobe or the drawer, with constant use the days of garments, and especially hats in our "mist" climate, are numbered.

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BOOK REVIEWS.

SEEING THE WORLD.

The "finishing touch" of the education of wealthy young men used to be "the grand tour." They had received what Oxford and Cambridge had to give (subject, of course, to their own industry and mental capacity), and they were apparently brought up to the very queer notion that education "finishes." Their "finishing touch" was a prolonged holiday in the cities and famous places of Europe.

That kind of "finish" was never dreamed of for working people; in fact, such folk were hardly supposed to have such a thing as a holiday at all! But times are changing, and have indeed changed. The comparatively aristocratic "Cook's" is nowadays supplemented by the democratic "Workers' Travel Association." Their excellent handbook of Continental Holidays is almost a holiday in itself—it has something of the glamour of a map, and ought almost to be spoken of along with Morris' "News from Nowhere" and Bellamy's "Looking Backward." It is to be obtained free of charge on application to the Workers' Travel Associa-

tion Ltd., Transport House, Smith Square, Westminster, London, S.W. 1. On the "Cantoning."

One can well imagine that the mere suggestion of a Continental holiday may in France or Belgium—for workers must have threatened some old-fashioned Conservatives of the "landed gentry" type with the immediate liquidation of their property. And as for secondary school children (and even elementary school children of the higher classes) being taken abroad at the public expense as part of their normal State-provided education—why there are still people who live honestly and sober lives who would become speechlessly indignant at any such notion. Yet the smaller vessels of the British Navy in these piping times of peace might well be used to carry our children across that narrow strip of water between us and France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. Perhaps, too, that would lead to reciprocity, and we might find some of the foreign war vessels in our own ports bringing over convoys of their country's children. The members of the Navy League might conceivably develop a nervous palpitation, but all the children concerned would grow in the spirit of a larger sympathy without knowing it. The time to fraternise is not after we have fought, and when we are so tired of fighting that we fall back into a natural human condition, but before there is hostility.

Free!

"See the World" is the fitting title of this little free handbook. Perhaps this is the first full-length review that has ever been written on a free holiday guide; but the guide amply justifies it. First of all let us say that Harry Gosling (Transport and General Workers) is the president of the Association, and J. W. Bowen (Union of Post Office Workers) is its chairman. You will find all the information you need for the cheapest possible visit of a week or a fortnight to many celebrated places on the Continent, including travel, food and lodging, and usually certain excursions from the centre selected. You will be in company that is congenial to you, and you will be as free from the cares of language difficulty as if you were in your own country.

An Example.

Consistent with all these advantages, the prices charged are very low indeed, and that one or even two. It is probable that from the Hillsborough groups will go from the Hillsborough Co-operative Fellowship during the coming summer on one of these tours, coming after the holidays, and already certain members of the Workers' Travel have experienced its foreign holidays speak of them with enthusiasm. Let me most enthusiastically endorse them, and I detail a few for the amusement and interest of any reader who would like to go abroad at the cheapest possible price. For the sum of £5 one can spend a week at Ostend or Blankenberge on the Belgian Coast, and have an extra rail and steamer travel from London and back, full board and lodging at the Association's hotels with people like oneself, which naturally means excellent company. There will be a greater degree of comfort than is obtainable in English boarding-houses (generally speaking) and a touch with foreign life. There are enormous stretches of fine sands at both these interesting places within easy reach. In fact, a visit to the famous Zeeburgeme, to Bruges, and to Sluis in Holland is included in the price of the Blankenberge week! And for those who can stump up an extra 17s. 6d. a whole excursion to Brussels can be taken, with a motor tour of Brussels and visits to places of interest, and lunch at a restaurant owned by a Belgian (Unos! And there are people who consider Brussels superior to Paris as a show place.

Paris.

But the most popular attraction on the Continent for those who make their first visit is undoubtedly Paris. Seven days, seven pounds: all included, that may sound a fair sum to a working man, but if he can once in a life-time manage to do it he will have a permanent pleasure in the recollection of it. Motor tours of Paris and around it and to Versailles are included in the price. It is, in the words of the Holiday Guide, "a unique opportunity of gaining insight into French life, as well as sight-seeing." It is "not a high-brow affair, but" opportunity will be given to learn something of French life and customs, political institutions, local and national government, literature, art, and social movements.

Now Paris is probably the best "show place" in Europe, far surpassing London apart from the fact of its added interest by reason of the entire change in people and in customs.

Elsewhere.

But to all this budget of travel one cannot do anything but subscribe in review. "France, Belgium, Sweden, Germany, Holland, Italy, Central Asia, Russia, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, and even Canada are all offered according to the length to which we can stretch our purses. There can be no finer way of enlarging the mind, and obtaining a general air, scenery, and company, and of beginning or confirming an international acquaintance than by introducing at least once in life the "showing" "abroad." Esperanto students, who find there are many among the working classes who are likely to meet foreign students, whilst for those with some little knowledge of French or German there will be a new pleasure in trying to learn linguistic winks.

Looking Forward.

The anticipation of joy is a great thing in our lives, and, for myself, so I begin to plan the next. These chilly nights, when the wind whines and the March sleet flies the April air, are a grand time for delving into maps and guide books. One of my joys as a reader was to travel in fancy by means of an old "Bradshaw" at the winter fireside, and with this booklet, "See the World," I can once more conjure up the same facing.

Perhaps, in some Saner Co-operative Commonwealth, it will be as natural as standing in a tramcar queue that people should visit their neighbours in other near-by nations. Perhaps, too, we shall spread peace by such means, and the spirit of mutual help.

Wireless.

What the wireless sets are gradually doing, and certainly what they are promising, is being helped by this new spirit of travel among working folk. The Workers' Travel Association and a few similar bodies are doing a great work. Years ago no working man was abroad except as a poor emigrant or a soldier; the State helped him to go either because he was surplus, or required him to go to protect the privileges of the rich. Now, happily, it is demanding more and more to go for his own pleasure and enlightenment. That is the chief reason for the existence of a State—the pleasure in life and the increasing enlightenment of its people. After that can we suggest that the next Budget might provide a trifle to begin the great cause of getting to know one another? And in anticipation of it, look at this "See the World" and help us to pick our places. B.

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CO-OPERATIVE NOTES AND JOTTINGS.

The weekly concert societies held at the Neepsden Institute on Saturday evenings, are a great success. It was our pleasure to attend on a recent occasion, when Mr. Alexander paid a visit. Councillor Hawat presided, and an excellent programme was given. Mr. Ernest Green, who is a tower of strength in connection with these events, gave some excellent humorous items, including "Tale of the Tin Tuck," "Sassy Green," and "Viewing the baby." Mrs. Green, friend rendered several popular items in a charming soprano voice. "Carnival" and "Love's Garden of Roses" were particularly beautiful. After some persuasion, Mr. Alexander gave an old Somerset song, "Richard of Taunton Dean."

Our Neepsden friends are ever introducing new features in their social and political work. The latest is the inauguration of a cycling club. We understand that over a score members have already been enrolled, and new members are being made each week. Secretary: Mr. Gambles, 5/5, Mount-road. Party meets every Sunday morning at 9.30 at the Institute. Herewith the programme for the present session—

- May 11.—Eddle.
- 8.—Cresswell Crags.
- 15.—Hawtry.
- 22.—Ashford-in-the-Water.
- 29.—Tideswell.
- June 5.—Cleethorpes (optional).
- 12.—Egton.
- 19.—Dukeries.
- 26.—Miller's Dale.
- July 3.—Blyth.
- 10.—Castleton.
- 17.—Chesterfield (return Baslow).
- 24.—Mansel Dale.
- 31.—Matlock Bath.

It would seem that the party rambling club has not yet exhausted all the possibilities of visits to the country, and now the cycling club will help the party in organising those who prefer this method of transport.

Our friends at Brightside are to be congratulated on their new guildroom, which was opened on Saturday, April 22nd. Mr. J. H. Pearce, of the Brightside and Carbrook Society's educational

committee, presided; Mr. J. R. Wilson addressed the meeting on behalf of the board of management; and Mr. A. Ballard, secretary of the Co-operative Party, spoke on political matters. The Sharrow Melody Minstrels gave a fine musical programme.

The new guild has already a membership of thirty-six, and is comprised of both men and women. Social evenings, propaganda meetings, and educational classes are to be held in the room. It is hoped also to establish a children's circle in connection with the new project.

The Hallam Ward Labour Party held its annual meeting in the Crookes Baptist Church, on Thursday, April 28th, Mr. J. A. Lee presided. The secretary gave a report of the year's work, which drew forth some interesting and encouraging comments, particularly from the Nether Green friend, Mr. H. Gaskell. We understand that the party is anxious for more members from the Nether Green district, and with this end in view some of the summer propaganda meetings are to be held in that area.

The co-operative point of view was stressed at this meeting by Mrs. L. E. Gray, who pleaded for a unity of forces in the attainment of the mutual aims of co-operation and labour.

The officers elected for the year are—Mr. J. A. Lee (president), Mr. S. R. Smith (secretary), 3, Eynon-road, Crookes, and Mr. A. E. Richardson (treasurer). Members and supporters are asked to rally round the open-air speakers. Meetings are to be held regularly through the summer, commencing in May, on Wednesdays at 8 o'clock. List of speakers and meeting places will be printed in our next issue.

Last year the party increased its membership by 150 per cent. We hope the Hallam Party will repeat the process this year.

A Different Matter.

First Schoolboy—"Say, Tom, can you tell me how to teach a girl to swim?"
Second Schoolboy—"Oh, yes. You lead her gently into the water, then you put your arm round her waist."
Dad—"That's a silly fool. It's my sister."
"Oh, that's different. Just show her."

Cheerio!

with acknowledgments to "New Dawn," the official journal of the Co-operative League.

In the Far West.
THERE was a young man from the city
Who met what he thought was a lady!
He gave it a pal,
Said, "Now little cat!"
And they buried his clothes out of pity.

The Alternative.
DOVEY (to father enjoying sea view):
"Never seen it isn't safe there, father, and
you've either got to come away or sit at your
sandwiches."

Got it Mixed.

An officer was lecturing a batch of the latest recruits on patriotism in general and the traditions of the regiment in particular. When he was up, eloquently, "why should a soldier be prepared to die for his country?"

There was a slight pause, and then an approving voice from the back of the hall said: "You're quite right, sir... why should he?"

Ear—and Thro.

PASSER BY: "Do you always play by ear, my good man?"
Cornet Player: "Yes, sir, either 'ere or in the 'igh-street."

A Rattling Success.

The hostess approached the pianist and exclaimed: "You're quite right, young man, about your piano playing."
"I'm glad you're enjoying it," replied the pianist.
"Yes," continued the hostess, "you said you would just rattle off a few things on the piano, and two weeks have already disappeared."

HILLSBOROUGH PATHS.

We understand that the Walkley and Hillsborough Paths are to be officially opened on Thursday, June 1st. The Lord Mayor (Alderman J. G. Garrow) will perform the opening ceremony; Alderman W. Bancroft will preside. Councillor Harold Jackson and Mr. A. V. Alexander, M.P., have also been invited to take part in the proceedings.

The Sheffield and Ecclesall Women's Section social, held in the Mount Tabot Schoolroom, Wellington-street, on Monday, April 24th, was a great success. Councillor Longden (chairman of the Party) addressed the meeting, as a result of which a good number of new members registered their names as Party supporters.

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