

trative success in only a few, and the nearer this few to a unit the better, provided it to be not a one man power absolutely.

Powderly is a pronounced Roman Catholic and that fact contributed much to his downfall. The Protestant and freethinking portion of organized labor feared that Powderly might play into the hands of the Roman Cardinals who are at present taking an active part in labor troubles. These churchmen mean well, and no doubt are interested in the well-being of the people; but the fact cannot be concealed that the Italian laborer, the Irish, the Spaniard, the Maltese, the French laborer are not an advanced class, and they are all the product of Cardinals and Archbishops. This is what brings distrust on Powderly, although in truth wrongfully. He is certainly honest, conservative and good living. He is sober, abstemious and temperate in habits. He is opposed to gin-sellers and their ethics, and when a man is denounced by 50,000 rum-sellers it is a difficult thing to maintain popularity.

Is there nothing to be learned from these troubles? Yes, there is a great deal. We see in the case of the carpenters as well as in that of the N. Y. Central a breach of trust, a want of truth and such an abundance of unfaithfulness as would make fiends grin with joy. Truth and fidelity are the groundwork of all moral, social and industrial progress. Does not every form of worship that pretends to be called religion endeavour to inculcate truth and fidelity? That is why infidelity is classed as irreligion, though founded on a purely secular basis. But the word infidelity is now left entirely to matters spiritual, while we use the word unfaithfulness for matters worldly, though in reality both are homologous. Where unfaithfulness exists the simplest industry cannot be carried on.

In a social way among individuals with falsehood and unfaithfulness as guiding lights, what happiness, harmony or prosperity could exist in a community? They are the basest qualities that poor human nature can be infected with. Whether they are inherent in human nature is perhaps a question. In animal nature they are not always found, for the dog often dies in defense of his master, or pines to death in his absence. And I think it could be shown that truth and fidelity are part of humanity and comprising the spiritual groundwork of his nature.

Take the most depraved carpet-bagger in Utah, and certainly humanity can't go much lower in the scale of depravity than it has done in some of the carpetbaggers of Utah; yet they are not totally depraved in a spiritual sense. Give one of these a book to read in which falsehood and unfaithfulness are rewarded and truth and fidelity are shackled and cast into prison mire and filth, and you will find even a carpetbagger disgusted with the book though it may be a reality. Take him to see a play in which the same occurs, and ask why does he hiss the villain

and applaud the virtuous and heroic. Is not this evidence that there is in man a better self, a divinity or spiritual existence though he may be as depraved, unprincipled and meretricious as a "Liberal" election stealer or a Salt Lake "Liberal" organ grinder?

Yes, but the God in man can be trampled out of existence in a physical sense where there is no religion, no morality, no ethical agent to quicken spirituality and develop the grand characteristics which underlie the better self in man, such as truth, sincerity, fidelity, honor, honesty and worth. Where these qualities come out triumphant in book or play, does not that book or play please even the most vicious? And is not this an evidence that religion is an instinct in man, and that man is God-created and not an evolved development? This instinct becomes perverted as the maternal one does in the woman who kills her baby and nurses a lap-dog, or in the female hog which devours its own offspring. Man can fall, and does fall, and has fallen, but there is no man so low but that if handled at the right moment, he can be redeemed.

Truth and fidelity are not always triumphant in the world's battles, but often come out losers, though only temporarily. In the end they are sure to win. No matter whether a race, a nation, a sect, or an individual, truth and fidelity will bring it on top at the end. Falsehood often prospers for a while, but when found out, what on earth is more contemptible than the hypocrite? Don't you turn aside from him as from a reptile? Don't your blood chill and your nerves quiver at sight of him? Don't you feel as if you deemed it a duty to annihilate him? Yes, you do. And that is because you feel the spirituality in you outraged, because this reptile has a human form.

To come back to the strike, will any excuse, save the loss carpenters and the railroad magnates, from the charge of falsehood and unfaithfulness? No. It is useless to say that workmen spend their spare money in drink and their spare time in saloons, and that it is a justice to curb such men. It is true, the trades which have obtained the eight-hour day have done nothing to show that they deserved it. The masons, plasterers and bricklayers are all paid four dollars for an eight-hour day in this city. They have not a reading room, a lyceum, nor an improvement society among them. They quit work at 5 p. m. and spend the whole evening in a gin-mill. This is square truth.

Why don't labor leaders come out and try to educate their men? Where are the preachers who are yearning for souls in Africa, and see bricklayers in Chicago going to perdition? Why not come among these eight-hour men and urge them, exhort them to establish a small library, a small recreation hall or reading room where the long evenings could be spent in mutual improvement, and in de-

veloping religion and spirituality in themselves and families?

The outlook for poor people in Chicago is anything but cheerful at present. Wheat has jumped from 80 cents a bushel to \$1.09. Potatoes are dearer than bananas. Meat is out of the race. House rent is high, and real estate speculation is furious, mad, insane. A Chicago newspaper interviewed several prominent grain merchants as to the cause of the sudden rise in wheat, and as to the prospect in the future. Here is what they said:

HOW IT ALL HAPPENED.

C. B. Irwin said: "It was the news from North Dakota that did it. Frost is reported there. At first blush it would seem that frost couldn't do any harm now—in fact, I heard a man say that he had just been up there and they were harvesting—but it must be remembered that the late planted wheat is not yet ripe, and that might be pretty badly hurt. There were plenty of buyers for wheat today, among whom were Hutchinson, but there wasn't much to sell, so it was little wonder that the prices went up rapidly. This is the highest point of this crop and the indications are that it will go still higher. Really \$1 is not high when all things are taken into consideration."

"A lot of things did it," said T. C. Logan. "First of all, the bucket-shops being now practically out of business, all their gambling trade has come up against the board in the shape of legitimate speculation. I haven't seen so many granger speculators since '76. It's old times come back again. All these people are naturally bulls. That one fact ought to push the market up four or five cents. Then you want to take into consideration the fact that there isn't much wheat in the country, and that if the frost gets to nipping the late planted wheat there isn't going to be an increase in the supply. The cue for the rise in wheat today was the reported sale of 35,000 bushels of No. 2 spring wheat in store at \$1.14."

"What is going to be the effect on 'times' of this rise in the price of foodstuffs?"

"Well, it isn't going to make it any easier for working people to get along, that's sure. Taking things all around, it isn't going to be a great while before it will be wise to shorten sail. Look at the tremendous amount of real estate speculation. That is always the last manifestation of prosperity and is always followed by depression. Look at the Western towns that have been choked off by it. This silver measure will be a stimulus, but if a man takes a stimulant he feels pretty blue after the effects have worn off. These labor troubles don't tend to make the situation any securer and then look at the row that is going on in South America. Some of these fine days English capital invested there will have to be protected by a lot more. American stocks held in England and Germany will be let go and sent back. That will make it hard times in America—and then look out."

DUNHAM'S GLOOMY VIEWS.

"Never has there been such a season as this for thirty years," said R. W. Dunham. "There have been short wheat crops, short potato crops, and all that, but when one crop has been scanty another has been large. But this year everything that grows out of the ground that you can eat is short. Potatoes? Why, I'm paying \$1.80 a