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"Socialism is inevitable. It is the industrial movement of the world. The corporations of to-day, like ancient conquerors, set their boundaries wherever they will and disdain to regulate the output to suit the needs of the commonwealth."—REV. DR. JOS. PULLMAN, President N. Y. Methodist Conference.

"I believe the things that Christian Socialism stands for—it is God's way out of the wilderness into the Promised Land. It is the very marrow and fatness of Christ's Gospel. It is Christianity applied. Oh! that I were young again, and it should have my life." The late FRANCES E. WILLARD, head of the world's W. C. T. U.

Catholic Writers on Socialism.

What is said to be the most original and startling novel that the Socialist Movement has yet produced, is "Beyond the Black Ocean," by Rev. T. McGrady, R. C. priest at Bellevue, Kentucky. In cloth, it costs \$1, in paper cover, 50 cents. A pamphlet by the same author, entitled, "Socialism and the Labor Problem," is sold at 10 cents. Both can be ordered from G. Weston Wrigley, 293 King Street West, Toronto.

Prof. Francesco Nitti, of the University of Naples, Italy, has lately written a book of nearly 500 pages, on Catholic Socialism. In Roman Catholic countries Socialism is making great headway.

What Socialism Is.

Worcester's dictionary;—The science

of reconstructing society on an entirely new basis, by substituting the principles of association for that of competition in every branch of human industry.

Century dictionary:—Any theory or system of social organization which would abolish entirely or in great part, the individual effort and competition on which modern society rests, and substitute co-operation, would introduce a more perfect and equal distribution of the products of labor, and would make land and capital, as the instruments of production, the joint possession of the members of the community.

Socialists, of course, believe that not one, but all, Monopolies should be owned and operated by the public, for the benefit of all the people, rather than in the interest of the few.

Temperance Reform.

The Hamilton, Ont., Methodist Conference at its last session passed the following resolution:—"We, therefore, heartily endorse government control applied to the manufacture, importation and wholesale distribution of alcoholic liquors."

The Methodist Conference of B. C. has endorsed government ownership of the whole liquor traffic; so has the legislature of the North West Territories.

Many clergymen and advanced Temperance workers of New Brunswick would, while always working for total prohibition, prefer government ownership and control to the present license system, which allows private parties to run the business.

Steady Socialist Growth.

Canadian Socialist League, No. 18, was formed in Kingston, Ont., last month.

The Australian Socialist Labor Party, as distinct from the Labor party, ran its first campaign in April, 1901. The S. L. P. put up six candidates. The results was as follows:—Neill received 5,895 votes; Thompson, 5,715; Holland, 4,801; Moroney, 4,214; Melling, 3,529; Morrish, 3,066. Not too bad for the first attempt.

Catholic writers on Socialism will disarm Roman critics.

Temperance Reform will shake the dry bones of Prohibitionists.

Steady Socialist Growth will show that others are moving.