

Bellamy's "Looking Backward."

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It is said there never was an age with less freedom of purpose, and more frilly of belief, than the present. We have only to look about us to see the truth of this statement.

The plot in brief is as follows: Mr. Julian West, a young man of 30, falls asleep on May 30th, 1887, in the city of Boston; and after existing in a trance, awakes Sept. 10th, 2000. He then describes the world as it is when he arises from this protracted sleep.

Under the new order of things the government controls everything. Instead of innumerable small firms, powerful syndicates, mammoth trusts and combines, there is but one syndicate, composed of the nation's wealth.

The members of this army are paid by a system which gives to each, at the beginning of the year, in lieu of wages, a credit corresponding to the share of the product of the nation. If he does not use this amount, the remainder is turned into the general fund.

Let us take an imaginary shopping expedition in this new Utopia. Within the warehouse we see samples spread around, with a full description of their make-up, price, etc., attached.

Perhaps it may not be uninteresting to note the form in which manufacturing is carried on. An account is kept of everything that is given out from the national warehouse.

Enough has been said to give a general idea of the system proposed by Mr. Bellamy. Whether this will be realized remains to be proved.

It has been said of Mr. Bellamy's scheme that he does not allow sufficient time for such radical changes. He himself defends this on the ground of precedent, or of great changes that have taken place in the past.

There are no contrasts of wealth and poverty, education and ignorance, high and low. The second of each of these correlative terms is obsolete. But it is perfectly natural for Mr. Bellamy to dress his foster-child in such a gaudy attire.

for most and drunk will be agra. This very surety is a source of weakness. The motive powers are prizes or honors gained by position.

III. Mr. Bellamy assumes that under competition the rich are growing richer, and the poor poorer. Statistics show the opposite. In 1850, the average income of the poorer class in Great Britain was \$265 per family.

He also takes for granted that the rich are growing richer at the expense of the poor. It is said 1 per cent. of the families of America own as much as the remaining 99 per cent.

IV. Socialism and kindred aims are encouraged by the miserable condition of the working people being exaggerated. Every year, says a writer, Dives is growing richer, his purple finer, his daily fare more sumptuous, and Lazarus is growing more beggarly, his sores more loathsome.

V. It is also urged against his scheme that "he does not make clear in his book how it is possible for the purchase of property in private hands; that it can be reached only by processes that are untried and revolutionary; and that it fails to remember that a nationalized branch of industry may succeed only because other branches are not nationalized."

VI. The present condition has been built up by our forefathers at the expense, not only of labor and self-depial, but life. Have we been building on a false foundation, or is that which was once suited to us now inadequate?

These words have been uttered by millions of voices during the present week. In some cases doubtless they have been, as Carlyle says, "only from the mouth outward."

Some of God's people are not half as happy as they might be. By a sad disease of the mental eye they magnify troubles, and are well-nigh blind to mercies.

Others who are bent on enjoying themselves, only cheat their hearts out of happiness by their supreme selfishness. Seeking to "save their lives, they lose them." They might learn a lesson from

the unselfish Alpine traveller, who was only bent on rescuing his frozen companion, and yet warmed up by his own blood by the heroic effort.

"Week of Traves," with a solemn purpose of bringing, with God's help, every soul to Christ this year, then it will be a gladtime year indeed, a bit of heaven in advance.

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The reason why some of my readers are not happy, is that they are trying to live without Christ, and under the dominion of sin.

In order to be saved, just two things are necessary. One is repentance of your sins; and the other is obedience to Christ. The faith that is a mere sound opinion, cannot save you; frames or other branches are not nationalized.

The command given long ago is still as imperative for all who own allegiance to Christ as it was at the beginning; it will continue to be so till all shall have put on the new man, and there shall be no more call or room for its flesh preaching.

Here then appears the immense and pressing duty of our time; pressing as the inexorable movement of the years, urgent as the moral and social need of the world, imperative as the nature and work of the Lord!

There is now, too, a surpassing weight and majesty in the appeal of the gospel which never before appeared so fully, not only in its address to individuals, but to peoples.

But the primary and pre-eminent office of that gospel, and cannot be belied, is to make world wide the knowledge of, and morally to renew the face of mankind, to whom the earth has been committed, and so to build on the globe that mit-

more ready to receive it than ever before; because they see, and cannot but see, the secular benefits which march in its train.

At just this point there appears also, as almost might have been expected, another combination of comical forces reminding one of that in which Roman power and law went with Greek speech and the world's tongue.

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mate, resplendent city of God which shall link the earth with spheres celestial, having come down out of heaven from God! No other work can be conceived so vital and so noble as that!

For this is needed more than anything else, the temple of utter consecration, which gives life, with that utter reserve which marks the highest reach and royalty of the devoted human soul.

Men who make sacrifices do not talk of them. Those are true sacrifices which have been done alone, and hidden. The world knows too much of what we feel, and what we lose.

"Whoever" and "whatsoever" are two precious words often in the mouth of Christ. "Whoever will may come," "Whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do."

Not what you say, or wish, or hope, while through darkness here you grope; but in heart, and thought, and character, this will open your gate; and talk, if it be a Jew's right, or a Gentile's.

It shall come to pass, when he heareth the words of this curse, that he shall bless himself in his heart, saying, I shall have peace though I walk in the imagination of my own heart, to add drunkenness to thirst.

The past and present state of Palestine as well as of the Jewish people, are a fulfillment of the words of God, by Moses, uttered and recorded more than three thousand years ago; and a proof that none of His declarations will fail, but all in due time come to pass.

There is nobody so weak of invention that he can contrive a little story to vilify his enemy. Addison. The sure way of not being conformable to the world is to be transformed by the renewing of our minds.

What heavy burdens on our bosoms take! What parched ground within us, with a shower! Weighed, and all around us seem to lower; We rise and all the distant and the near, Stands forth in sunny outline bare and clear.

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