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THE WORLD DO MOVE.

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THE Oakland, Calif., *World*, a Socialist party paper of the "Rough Neck" variety publishes a speech delivered by one of its own—Austin Lewis—at Hamilton Hall, in which this passage occurs anent the S.P. Mayor of Berkeley:

"I find that Berkeley is an ordinary phenomenon. It is governed by the First National Bank and the real estate interests, the mayor is the puppet of the Spear-Schmitz combination and the county ring. His organs are the Berkeley *Gazette* and the Oakland *Tribune*. It is the old disgusting thing. The mayoralty of Berkeley is not a symptom; it is a disease."

Good! But there is better to come.

The *Monitor*, the official Catholic weekly of New Jersey, publishes, under the heading of "Socialism," the address recently delivered by Hon. Charles Russell, son of Lord Russell of Killowen, before the Catholic Young Men's Society of Great Britain, and in which this passage strikes the key-note.

"I strongly object and protest against Socialism being fought upon wrong lines, and to my mind, it is fighting it on wrong lines to denounce it on the ground of religion and morality. It is not only unfair fighting, but, like the rest of unfair fighting, it is a very foolish procedure, because if all the forces of religion are turned against Socialism it will inevitably follow in course of time that all the forces of Socialism will necessarily be turned against religion, whereas if Socialism is met, as it ought to be met, and fought on the battleground of economic principles, we will then be meeting it and fighting it on a fair field with no favor."

The one and the other principle or fact, advanced in the above two passages, are facts and principles long set forth and maintained by the Socialist Labor Party. Nor is there any literature and propaganda, but that which issues from the S.L.P., that

unflinchingly adduces such fact and principles, and unerringly proves them.

S.P. political victories are, without exception, sell-outs by the clique to which J. Mahlon Barnes belonged, and still belongs, despite his downfall.

The Roman Catholic anti-Socialist, arguments based upon "religion" and "morality" are, being "unfair fighting," utterly irreligious and deeply dyed immoral.

Let the world move on.

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