

to our just demands, without a severe struggle, and this cannot be successfully maintained so long as we continue apathetic and disunited among ourselves. This, more than any other cause, has contributed to the perpetuation of corruptions in every department of the State, and to the indifference manifested by our legislators to the interests of the millions. Let us unite with our brethren in London, Birmingham, Edinburgh, Glasgow, and other large towns, and not depend longer, in the vain hope of those who style themselves our "superiors" co-operating with us, either in obtaining our political rights, or instructing us in a knowledge of them. One thing is certain, if we, who have experienced the bitter fruits of poverty, arising from unjust and wicked legislation, do not feel for each other, none others will. It is by our own exertions alone that we can reasonably expect to succeed. Between the interest, prejudice, or misapprehension of public teachers, and the heartless cupidity of legislators, the social and political improvement of the Working Classes has scarcely ever been adverted to; or if so, considered as not essential to their moral and intellectual elevation. Mechanics' Institutions have undoubtedly done much good, but their usefulness is circumscribed by the exclusion of political subjects. Many of the clergy mean well, but as long as they continue to nibble merely at the fruits of our social and political evils, by ever and anon bewailing our ignorance, intemperance, and moral depravity, their success will be but limited. They may multiply the means of religious instruction and add to the number of its teachers, all to little purpose, unless the means and leisure of the Industrious Classes are increased; and certainly the great improvement which has been made in the arts and sciences could be made subservient to these purposes, instead of being monopolized by the unfeeling few.

All who believe that nature, ever bountiful, affords ample means, by moderate labour, if wisely directed, for the comfort and happiness of all her