

and been content, in the meantime, without seeking organic changes.

It is now evident that, as long as Parliament is constituted of men, identified neither in interest nor feeling with the mass of the people, their interests will continue to be utterly disregarded, and the end of Government, "the greatest possible happiness of the greatest possible number of the whole people," be sacrificed to the aggrandisement of a corrupt and (numerically speaking) contemptible faction. It therefore becomes the duty of every man interested in the wellbeing of his fellowmen, to unite in demanding Universal Suffrage, Vote by Ballot, Annual Parliaments," as the most effectual means of promoting the moral and social improvement of the Working Classes. In seeking after that share in the government and institutions of the country, which our usefulness and intelligence so justly merit, let us conjoin the pursuit of knowledge and virtue, and thus prove to our enemies, that we not only know and appreciate our rights, but are worthy to be entrusted with them. We are frequently told by our opponents that we have no property, and consequently no stake in the country. The following extract will show the absurdity of such an assertion:—

"The PERSONAL property, which every man has in the possession of his own faculties, mental or physical, not only gives birth to all accumulated property, and furnishes the best title by which it is held; but it constitutes, in the aggregate, as might reasonably be expected from its important nature, a mass of property belonging to the productive classes, so immensely great as to sink into comparative insignificance, LANDED and all other property; for every man, even a common labourer, or workman, receiving £45 a year, or 15s. 6d. a week, if the calculation be made at the present value of capital, at 3 per cent. is possessed of a property which may be designated really PERSONAL, equal, each person, to a capital of £1500. And, as there are upwards of 5,800,000 males in this kingdom, of twenty years old and upwards, and, allowing that 800,000 of them are not of the productive classes, there would remain 5,000,000 of that class, which, multiplied by £1500, show a PERSONAL property in their possession, representing a capital, in a gross amount, of £7,500,000,000!"

Judging from experience and appearances, we cannot expect our present taskmasters to yield