

money are annually squandered on the pompous mummeries of a court, and its idle and pampered sycophants, were the people cognisant of these things? No, no. Hence the efforts of landlords, state-paid parsons, and every profiter by abuse, to keep the people ignorant, and to decry the study of the all-important science of political economy, and exert all their influence, and endeavour to render it a subject of vituperation and abuse. Let our object be then to unite and instruct one another, for the good that is to be done must be begun by ourselves; and is not the amelioration of the condition of humanity a task worthy of every generous mind?

In the commencement of an Association of this nature, many obstacles have to be overcome—the apathy and indifference of the Working Classes to their own interests, and their readiness to misconstrue the motives of those who take a prominent part in these movements; besides these and our natural enemies (already spoken of), there is a class of easy persons, unaccustomed to earn a scanty meal by the sweat of their brow, accounting labour a degradation, and labourers made to be mere “hewers of wood and drawers of water,” strangers to our wants and feelings, who will sneer at associations of working men, and pronounce their attempts to improve mankind as presumptuous and impracticable; however, with your united exertions and perseverance, who can say what incalculable benefit may be done? Success is certain. In prosecuting the objects of the Association, weekly meetings shall be held (and punctual attendance should be given, as best contributing to our union and improvement), at which all subjects calculated to improve the political, social, moral, intellectual, and physical condition of the Working Classes, will be discussed; and as soon as circumstances permit, a library will be formed. In the meantime, copies of all the Radical papers have been obtained, as not only best deserving our support, but as affording an index to the true state of feeling amongst working men.