

hid been intil sic-an-sic a place, an' 'at I should hae taen fat I wiz offer't; for a' 'at they could gie me wiz jist the saxpence. I wiz clean stammagaster't at this. I fun' oot aifterhin that the iher fowk hid spoken throu the tillifone to them. I'm tell't 'at they dae this kin' o' thing whiles tae keep doon the rates gi'en for pledges.

I've jist been hintin' 'at I wiz i' the wye o' gyaun tae the Soshlists' meetins. Man, I like yon chiels. I ken that weel-tae-dee fowk 'at are fine suitit wi' things as they are, an' fowk 'at houp some day to *be* weel-tae-dee, an' mean-speeritit cratur's 'at canna help worshipping' an' demeanin' themsels to prosperity whether they're like tae profit be't or no—I ken fine 'at a' thae kin' o' snots turn up their noses at the Soshlists. I dinna mean tae say that because fowk get sitten on they are for that rizzon i' the richt. I can conceive that some o' the fowk 'at get sitten on deserve a' they get. Bit, man, the rich, an' the flunkies, an' the careless, an' the bigottit hiv sitten on sae mony gweed men in times past that fin I hear a man or a pairty run doon by certain fowk, I canna help regairdin't iz strong presumptive evidence, iz the lawyer's say, that the condemned pairty's nae ategither saecondemnable iz his weelwishers wid mak oot. Weel, besides that general principle 'at I cairry aboot wi' me tae riggilat my jidgment, Dr. Kennedy hid spoken weel o' the Aiberdeen Soshlists. He tell't me 'at they war the only organised body o' workin' men Soshlists