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### BRITISH LABOR CONGRESS.

The thirty-third British Trade Union Congress has passed into history. Thirty years ago it represented a very limited constituency and a still more limited influence, writes Sidney J. Kent in the American Federationist. Today it represents some two millions of workers and essays to give voice to the aspirations and appeals and protests of the toilers of the entire United Kingdom. Its influence today is indeed far reaching. Many of its demands have long since passed into law or become the custom of the land.

The eight-hour day and the half holiday on Saturday in that country are now quite generally observed, especially the latter, and the benefits accruing in the municipalization of many public utilities are no longer questioned.

In Huddersfield, where the congress was held, we found that not only does the city own its own water, gas and electricity, public park, baths, street railways, etc., but, like many other cities of Great Britain, it is entering into competition with the landlord, and up to the present time has built some one hundred and eighty workingmen's houses.

The meeting held at Huddersfield this year, and of which I had the honor of attending as one of the two fraternal delegates representing the American Federation of Labor, was especially interesting, consisting of resolutions pertaining to: Old age pensions; fair wages in government employment; workmen's compensation for injuries; compulsory arbitration; mine and river regulation; co-operation and trades unionism; postoffice reform; civil rights in postoffice; inspection of steam engines and boilers; workmen's cheap trains; amendment to factory acts; housing of the working classes and taxing of land values; eight-hour day; child labor and Labor Day.

Among the various agencies working as auxiliaries to the congress are the Women's Trade Union League, among whose prominent workers stands Lady Dilke, wife of Sir Charles Dilke. This lady spends her large wealth and gives her time and talent in behalf of the women toilers of Great Britain. She is surrounded with quite a band of wealthy and refined women, who spend a large part of their time among the factory people and in their homes, many of which are hovels. What to do with the worker in the phosphorous industries af-

flicted with that terrible disease known as "phossy jaw," is a serious question. To have their teeth drop out and their jaw rot is a part of the penalty paid by many young girls who to live must work in these industries; and thousands of other girls there are who sacrifice their lives or constitutions through lead poisoning, for the privilege of existing.

One very interesting feature in connection with this convention was the splendid support given it by the various classes of people. Lord and lady, bishop and layman, public official and employer, all seemed to vie with each other in giving substantial recognition to the claims of labor. Not only did the mayor of Huddersfield deliver an address of welcome to the delegates, in which he accorded high praise to the justice of the toiler's demands, but he opened his house and grounds to them and gave a most elaborate entertainment to his guests. The same things may be said of Sir James Woodhull, the borough member; Sir Hildred Carlisle, himself a wealthy manufacturer; Mr. Thompson, the great weaver, and many others. The guests were royally entertained throughout the entire week by Huddersfield and its public men.

On the Sunday preceding the opening of the congress special sermons on labor matters were preached in all the churches. And in passing I desire to refer to the substantial recognition given myself and colleague as the representatives of the American workers.

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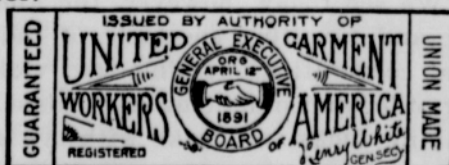
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