

perience—good tactics in the matter of propaganda does not consist in turning away from your adversary a few persons or some of his members, but to act upon the great masses which are still indifferent. One single new force which is brought forth from nothing is worth more than ten followers of Lassalle who always bring into the party the misery of their false tendencies.

The thing would still go if one could have the masses without their local leaders, but it is always necessary to accept a whole band of these leaders who are bound by their former public declarations if not by their opinions that they professed hitherto, and who must now prove that they have not repudiated their principles; but on the contrary it is the Workers' Social Democratic Party which preaches the true doctrine of Lassalle. This is the mischief done at Eisenach, which was not easy to escape at the moment; but these elements have certainly hurt the party and I don't know if the party would not be today as strong without them. If these elements were to receive support I should certainly consider this a calamity.

We must not let ourselves be influenced by all this noise for unity. The greatest artisans of discord are those who have this word most often on their lips, as at this moment the Bakounistes of the Jurassien Switzerland, the artisans of all the splits, that do not stop to clamor for unity. These fanatics of Unity are either narrow spirits who would mix all and make of it a shapeless dough, which, when no longer stirred will bring out still more sharply the differences that now find themselves in the same pot. (In Germany we have a very fine example of these people who preach the reconciliation of the workers with the small middle class); or they are the people who unconsciously or consciously want to deviate from this movement. That is why the greatest sectarians, the greatest braggards and fakirs demand at certain moments with greatest violence, Unity. In our existence nobody has done us greater harm, nobody has shown us greater falseness than these braggards of Unity.

Naturally every party wants to be in a position to record successes, which is as it should be. But there are moments when it is necessary to have the courage of sacrificing a momentary success to more important things. Especially in a party like ours, where the final success is so absolutely certain, and which has developed in our days and under our eyes, in a manner so formidable, one does not always need a momentary success. At all events, I believe that the capable elements among the followers of Lassalle, will later come to you of their own accord and thus it would not be wise to gather the fruits before it is ripe, as the partisans of Unity would like to do. Old Hegel already said: "A party behaves like a victorious party by dividing itself and by being able to stand the division." The movement of the proletariat passes necessarily through different degrees of development: at each stage a number of people stop and do not continue the journey; that alone explains why the solidarity of the proletariat is being realized everywhere in groupings of different parties who engage in a life and death struggle, like the Christian sects in the Roman Empire, during the worst persecution.

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But we should not call this "our" appeal. It is not "we" that ask "you" to do something for "us." There are neither "you" nor "us" in this undertaking. It is only the great Movement of the workers, who are striving to create for themselves a new state. Translated into terms of action it means effort, devotion, sacrifice. It means for you and me and everybody to get together and give freely of our best to the Movement.

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