

occurrence, and shall relate their testimony without intermingling it with my own. It will be at once a triumphant and a lamentable history, in which the actors will be ideas, the episodes theories, and the dates formulas.

THE WARFARE.

ALONG the battle's flaming van
 We mark the tried and true, —
 Defenders of the cause of man,
 A chosen, peerless few.
 Born to their mission and inspired,
 Oh, should they fall, we feel
 No spirit would like theirs be fired,
 No hand could wield their steel.

Yet, one by one, they step aside,
 Or on the red field lie,
 And still their places are supplied,
 Still rings the battle-cry;
 Still o'er the hoary walls of Wrong
 Truth's startling missiles fly,
 And still, with steady step and strong,
 Her hosts are marching by.

And so it shall be evermore,
 Until the trump is blown,
 Proclaiming Wrong's hard rule is o'er,
 And Right is on the throne.
 Oh, fear not for our cause sublime!
 Let hate do all it can;
 For in the darkest coming time
 The hour shall bring the man.

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SO THE RAILWAY KINGS ITCH FOR AN EMPIRE, DO THEY?

By "A RED-HOT STRIKER."

(Being a letter to Mr. W. M. Grosvenor, whose slander of working-people in the "International Review" has stirred me up mightily.)

SCRANTON, PA., September 15, 1877.

COMPLIMENTS to Mr. Grosvenor.
 So you and Jay Gould want an Empire, do you?
 I'm glad you've shown your hand. It's what I've been expecting that some of you fellows would do.
 You run up Tom Scott for "perpetual President," do you?
 "Railway managers not to resist, but to *run*, the government," are they?
 "Despotism," is it?
 Jay Gould will give a million, will he?
 And you and Tom will go him one better, I suppose?
 And there are a few others — you say "in every land the *rich* are the few" — that will go and do likewise?
 And you think you and these few will get what you want? I suppose you argue that these owners of "four thousand millions of capital" can play the devil with the country, unless they have their own way. They've already done it in many States, you say. They can buy up or crush Congress as they please, same as they have done the Legislatures. They "can make and unmake Senators and Representatives," can they?
 Well now, after all this, ain't you ashamed of yourself to go talking about "free institutions" and the "hope of patriotic citizens?"
 Hope?
 Your hope?