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The Industrious Alone Shall Live

The history of mankind is an unhappy saga of exploitation, domination and tyranny. The few have lived at the cost of many The former have always ingeniously devised ways of hoodwinking the latter and have sucked their blood, violated their honour and desecrated their human dignity. They have lived luxuriously without any labour worth the name on their part. The many in which is included the wide mass of humanity have always tilled and toiled, suffered and starved without grumble. They have not even claimed their due which they have earned by the sweat of their brow. Their earnings have gone to fill the coffers of those who dominated, exploited and enslaved them. What an unjust, iniquitous and tyrannous order mankind has witnessed over the centuries!

All people are made of the same earthly stuff. They are all subject to the same human weaknesses. All breathe the same air and eat the same food. All feel cold and heat in the same manner and have the same emotions and sentiments. But there is so much difference between man and man. History of several groups of people is characterised by mutual hatred. One must admit that all these differences are not divinely ordained. Most of them are artificial created by the artificial society.

But shall these differences persist through perpetuity or will they have an end? History gives examples of cases where the exploitation saw its natural death and domination witnessed its own downfall once they reached their climax. The story of Indian kings and princes is a sorry tale of the so-called great licking the dust. Indian democracy has brought about their decimation. The erstwhile rulers of Indian states were rulers only by name. A ruler is one who looks after the welfare of his subjects and can sacrifice himself, if need be, for the sake of those over whom he rules. But the Indian rulers had become dissolute, profligate adventurers whose sole aim was to exploit their subjects for indulgence in carnal pleasures.

While the rulers in olden times spent their spare time in games and sports and learning the art of warfare, to the rulers and princes of the later times sex games were the utmost concern. The winds of change blew and this order was wiped out of existence. The gothic architecture of the erstwhile splendid palaces and the grandeur of their way of living have been smashed to the ground. The sad plight of the palaces, only for the repairs of which considerable money is required, and which is not now forthcoming, is enough testimony to the fact that Nature works to restore the balance. The dignified kings and princes, whose 'darshan' by the masses was difficult, now huddle together with the masses on roads, in market places, in fairs and elsewhere. Gone are the days of the royal splendour and grandeur. Thus the days of the parasites are over. The world now belongs to one who works either with hand or with brain. If the former rulers and princes are to survive at all, they will have to live by their own labour and not on the labour of others, for the industrious alone shall live.