

Poverty

The tremendous Labour question remains absolutely untouched — the question whether the toil of life is not to provide a sufficiency of bread. No thoughtful man can suppose for a moment that this question can be put aside. No man with a head and heart can suppose that any considerable class of a nation will submit for ever to toil incessantly for bare necessities — without comfort, ease, or luxury, now — without a prospect for their children and without a hope for their old age. A social idea or system which compels such a state of things as this must be, is in so far, worn out.

**Harriet Martineau, History of England
During the Thirty Years' Peace**