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## ONCE AGAIN, NOBLE WORDS FROM HERVE.

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**I**N his *La Guerre Sociale* of May 8–14 Herve publishes in his own and the name of his collaborators a detailed statement with regard to the paper's policy, closing with these passages:

“In December 1906, when the paper was launched, the great obstacles to cordial relations between the united Party and the C.G.T. [General Confederation of Labor], the only two popular organizations, was the electoralism which then raged with excess in the Party.

“To-day, in 1912, the obstacle consists in the ravages made by abstentionism and Anarchist anti-parliamentarism in the fold of the C.G.T.

“To all those who, like ourselves, are firmly of the opinion that the Socialist Party and the C.G.T. are sister organizations, the line of conduct is at this season clearly traced: to combat the abstentionist tactics, which, harmful to no party other than the Socialist, digs every day deeper and wider the chasm between the Party and the C.G.T., paralyzes the recruiting power of both, and extinguishes what is left of the revolutionary fire in the heart of the people through the discredit that it throws upon the whole Socialist Movement.

“It is not without deep sorrow that we part company—upon this issue, at least,—with all the abstentionist and anti-parliamentary elements, the revolutionary ardor of whom has so much contributed, we are not oblivious of the fact, to the launching of our journal, and whose sincerity, disinterestedness and courage we shall continue to appreciate. It is with us a matter of intellectual probity and political honesty to dissipate all misunderstanding.

“After the abstentionist manifesto issued by the Anti-parliamentary Committee, and which we reproduce on the last page of this issue merely as a document,—a manifesto that we can not shoulder, it is no longer possible for us to allow to subsist an equivocal state of things that has lasted but too long, as it is, and seeming any longer to favor tactics that some of us may have been devoted to in the past, but which we are to-day unanimous in looking upon as condemned by the experience and the interests of the proletariat.”

Thus Herve, the distinguished author of *Anti-Patriotism*, whom Anar-

chists,—without waiting till he was dead and could not spurn the slander with the emphasis that Francisco Ferrer would, were he alive,—have been claiming as their own, bids adieu to tactics and people that he publicly and correctly brands as “condemned by the experience and the interests of the proletariat.”

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