they should at all times be ready to render him any
assistance in their power to make his visit pleasant,
agreeable, and instructive." How our friend King's
shirt front must have swelled with pride!

The Eight Hours Movement seems progressing as
favourably as might have been expected, in spite of
the difficulties that lie in the way, and, not to be too
prophetic, is within measurable distance. Several
important firms have determined upon granting what
has been asked, subject to conditions that it will be
easy to carry out, and it is to be hoped that others will
soon see their way clear to adopt the same course.
By a united movement on the part of the employers, it
should be easy to obtain such an amended
list of prices that would be an improvement
upon their present position, and if they
will work towards that end, with our help,
I fancy some of them will in the future
see more good in trade unionism than
they have ever been able to see in the
past. In Hans Andersen's beautiful story,
"The Snow Queen," you will remember
the goblin's mirror which was shattered,
and some of the fragments flew
about in the world and stuck in people's
eyes, and those people saw everything
wrongly or had only eyes for the bad side
of a thing; for every little fragment of
the mirror retained the power of the whole
glass, which contracted beautiful things
and made the worthless and ugly more
prominent and worse than ever. It
required a lot of hot tears to get those
pieces of glass out, but I am sure the
employers have sobbed enough over the
ruinous schemes of the workmen to have
gotten some of the pieces out of their eyes
by this time, and there are evidences that
some of them are able to see better for
the removal of those pesky little bits of
the goblin's mirror with which they have
so long been afflicted.

I am sorry to have to correct an error
in last month's number. Mr. Morrell has
given time and a quarter for all overtime
after 57 hours, not 54 as stated in last
month's issue. *Mea culpa! Mea culpa!*

Our next issue (June) will close this
volume. With the new volume, we intend
to commence a History of the Trade
Societies, and, in order to make it as
exhaustive and as exact as possible, a great many old
documents will have to be consulted. Unfortunately,
these things are widely scattered and not easily
obtainable. If any of our readers have by them any
matter relating to the trade at any date, but especially
concerning its earlier history,—manuscripts, pamphlets,
books, or engravings,—and would be willing to
lend them, they will be conferring a great service
upon their very grateful servant. Everything lent
shall be carefully preserved and returned at the earliest
moment. Dear reader, just have a look, and, if you
will, please drop a line to

\[ \text{Will o' the Wisp.} \]