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Eugène Hins, *[Cooperative Associations as a Model of the Future Society]*³⁷

The question is the following: to give these cooperative societies a means of emancipation for the working class. But that depends on the organization of these associations, which, according to how they are constituted, often become a scourge instead of a remedy.

Moreover, only a few trades allow such associations to be established at once; in many others, that is totally impossible. [...]

Such workers then constitute a new caste that is all the more dangerous for having one foot in the bourgeois camp and the other in the workers' camp, while in the end all it does is perpetuate the exploitation of the workers.

In all cooperative associations founded among workers, the distribution must take place according to the labour performed, not according to the capital paid in.

A sum should first be fixed, but with a facility to pay it in whole or in parts, and once the sum is complete everyone should have a right to all the profits produced by their labour.

In the end, these associations will not be able to spread very widely and will inevitably be restricted to certain trades where it will not cost much to establish them. As for mines, coalfields, etc., it will be necessary to start by changing the whole organization of society, either by establishing collective ownership or by making credit free of charge.

Cooperation is therefore not a means of achieving the total emancipation of the working class. It can be considered only as a kind of workshop of the future, when the bosses have been abolished for good along with the other causes of exploitation.

³⁷ This text is an excerpt from the synopsis of a speech by Eugène Hins (see note 11), following the submission of the report referred to in note 36. The full version is in PI, I: 410.