

Questions for Parliamentary Candidates.

SIR,

In connection with your candidature for Parliament, I should be obliged if you would be good enough to answer the following questions.

I am, yours faithfully,

Name of Elector.....

Address of Elector.....

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
<p>Will you press at the first opportunity for the following reforms :—</p> <p>I.—A DEMOCRATIC BUDGET.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The taxation of unearned incomes by means of a graduated and differentiated Income Tax ;2. The total abolition of the duties on tea, cocoa, coffee, currants and other dried fruits, and the substitution for them of direct taxation ;3. An increase of the Death Duties, graduated so as to fall more heavily on all large inheritances ;4. The appropriation of the unearned increment by the taxation and rating of ground rents and values ;5. The nationalisation of mining rents and royalties ;6. The fair division of the existing local rates between owner and occupier, any agreement to the contrary notwithstanding ;7. The imposition, for local purposes, of a municipal death duty, collected in the same way as the existing Death Duties ?	

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II.—A LABOR PROGRAM.

8. The fixing of "an Eight Hours Day" as a maximum for all public servants ;
9. An Eight Hours Bill for Miners ;
10. The legal limitation of the hours of work of railway servants ;
11. The direct employment of labor by all public authorities whenever possible, and that whenever it is not possible only "fair houses" should be employed, and sub-contracting prohibited ?

III.—MUNICIPAL SOCIALISM.

12. The completion of an efficient system of local government by the establishment of direct election, by adult suffrage, of all representative public bodies ;
13. The formation of district and parish councils ;
14. The extension of full powers to parish, town, and county councils for the collective organisation of the (a) water and (b) gas supplies, (c) the tramways, (d) dwellings for the people, (e) sale of alcoholic liquors, and such other public services as may be desired by the inhabitants ;
15. The transfer of the complete control of the police to the county councils ;
16. The grant of ample compulsory powers to all local authorities to acquire land to be let out—not sold—in allotments and small tenancies ?

IV.—THE CHILDREN AND THE POOR.

17. The extension of the restrictions on the employment of children in industrial occupations to the age of 14 years ;
18. The control by School Boards of all State-subsidised schools ;
19. The provision of free meals out of public funds in all such schools ;



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20. The establishment of scholarships, out of public funds, to be held at existing secondary schools, pending the creation of a complete system of public secondary education ;

21. The institution of pensions for the support of the aged and infirm, as a substitute for the present Poor Law relief ?

V.—DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL MACHINERY.

22. An amendment of the Registration Laws, with the aim of giving every adult man a vote, and no one more than one vote ;

23. The grant of the franchise to women on the same terms as to men ;

24. The second ballot at Parliamentary and other elections ;

25. The payment of all members of Parliament, and of Parliamentary election expenses, out of public funds ;

26. Triennial Parliaments ;

27. Home Rule for Ireland ?

VI.—MISCELLANEOUS.

Will you support—

28. "A New Reform Bill," as drafted by the Fabian Society ?

Will you oppose—

29. The Enfranchisement of Leaseholds ;

30. The creation of *landowners* by any system of land purchase under State guarantee or at the public expense ?

Signature of Candidate.....

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