

Prussianism in Norfolk

MEN AND WOMEN OF BRITAIN!

At the present time, when our brave soldiers are fighting Junkerism abroad, the little village of Burston in Norfolk has been goaded into revolt. Brave-hearted men, women, and children have been evicted from the land of their fathers.

These folks owe no rent, they are good and true citizens, and their sole crime is that they have dared to elect the local schoolmaster and four labourers to the Parish Council in preference to the reverend gentleman and five farmers.

Mrs. Higdon, schoolmistress, and her husband, the assistant master, have already been hounded from the Council School.

Fifty-seven of the children came out on strike as a protest, with the full sanction of their parents. A carpenter's shop was hired, and for over two years the teachers have taught without one penny of salary, and have lived solely upon the generosity of the poor villagers and a few friends outside.

The blind man who let the carpenter's shop for a school was cleared out of the village. Four other families have had to depart, and three more men have been evicted.

TWO OF THESE MEN HAVE SONS FIGHTING IN THE TRENCHES.

The Bishop of Norwich has been appealed to, and he advises them to go to law. But, whilst the Bishop lives in a palace and has an income of £4,500 per year, these agricultural labourers, working long hours daily, cannot indulge in such luxury as law. The Honourable Arthur Henderson, President of the Board of Education, has been appealed to, also Lord Selborne, but nothing effective has as yet been done.

Will you who may receive this leaflet help us by writing your member of Parliament, or by bringing this dreadful injustice before your Trade Union and Trades Councils quickly? Get these bodies to adopt strong resolutions and send them to the Premier, the Home Secretary, and the President of the Board of Education. Thus you can help to avert the calamity which has come upon these unfortunate villagers.

"The History of the Burston School Strike," three halfpence post free, may be had from Frederick O. Roberts, 61, Collingwood Road, Northampton.

HELP AT ONCE ERE IT IS TOO LATE.