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Changing Human Nature.

Many people think that to become Socialists they must believe many things that they now believe to be wrong. Nothing of the kind. You do not have to change any of your aspirations or desires. All your human functions are included in food, clothing, shelter, instruction and entertainment, than which you have no other desires. As it is, you are not getting these things in abundance, and many of you are getting but few of them. Liberal and Conservative alike have not been able or willing to arrange a machine that will ever give them to the majority. Socialism will. You do not change—you simply pick up another machine or process to get what you already want and have always wanted. If Socialism will give you these things in abundance for the same amount of work that you now put forth, does that mean that you have to change your nature or become a free-luster or destroy your family or deny your present belief in a God? Would n't you vote for the other old party if you were certain it would do this for you and everybody else? Who told you that you would have to change human nature to have Socialism? How did they know? Did they study it so carefully that they know? Maybe they do n't know any more about it than you, except what somebody has told them, and that teller may have only been told. You must know by your own investigation. That is what every knower does. Otherwise they are no better than parrots. Are you afraid to read a book explaining Socialism? Are you so superstitious that you are afraid that a few letters printed on white paper can ruin you? Did it ruin the fellow who told you Socialism was such an awfully bad thing? In what way was he ruined? It was said that free schools would ruin the country—but have they? Have they ruined England or Germany? Has n't the lack of them ruined Spain, Italy, Portugal, Russia and other countries? There was a time when the people were warned against speaking to a chemist (alchemist), alleging they had sold their souls to the devil. But do you not see that such people were foolish, no matter how honest they may have been? The same was said of the art of printing—that the men who were trying to work out the problem were in league with the devil. It is just the same kind of minds, the same ignorance, that to-day tells you Socialism is against human nature and contrary to the laws of God. If you will read one book on Socialism by a Socialist you will see for yourself. I do n't care how many books you read against it after that. I have more confidence in your intelligence than to believe that if you

hear both sides you can be deceived. And you will not have to change your nature, either. Socialism is growing more rapidly to-day than any other idea that ever yet came to the human race. Every intelligent person should know what it is, what it wants, and what effect its agitation will have on society. To be afraid to read a book shows somebody controls your mind, and that you are a bigot or a coward. Read up, and fight us if you don't like what we want.—Cotton's Weekly.

Poverty in the Midst of Plenty

Many years have come and gone since the great French dreamer of Utopia, Charles Fourier, predicted that we should come to experience a practically universal problem of "poverty through plethora"—starvation because there was plenty, people going without the necessities of life because they are too abundant. That is the problem of "overproduction," that Carlyle made the subject of his scornful satire. It is the workers who, because they have produced too much, must go hungry, ill fed, poorly housed, and cold in the winter nights and days. It is their children who are dying of hunger because they have produced too much wealth. And the reason for this lies in the fact that, not being the owners of the machinery with which, and the resources upon which, they work, their product belongs to the master class. And that master class having to sell the things produced for profit, the workers must starve when the markets become glutted; and even in normal times receive in wages only just enough to keep them alive in a condition enabling them to produce more goods at the same rate. Therefore it is that the Socialist calls upon his fellow workers to unite in a great political struggle to wrest the means of life, the agencies of wealth production, from the grasp of their masters, and to establish, by the peaceful revolution of political conquest, a system in which wealth shall be produced for use instead of for profit, in which human life shall be valued above gold, in which babies shall be counted of greater worth than poodle dogs.—John Spargo.

The discontent throughout the civilized world is the most hopeful sign of the times.

The brotherhood of man can only be realized by the cessation of the class struggle.

Men are not prosperous because of the capitalist system. That system produces misery and poverty.

The strong arm of the law lets the capitalists escape its grip. The laws were made to keep the petty thieves in order, not the big ones.

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