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## The ABC of Socialism

No. 3 . . . . . By Chas. H. Vail



CHARLES H. VAIL.

Author of "Principles of Socialist Socialism," Etc., Etc.

We need to distinguish between Socialism as an ideal—a future state of society—and the Socialist movement, which is an effort to realize that ideal. As this effort must be carried on within the confines of the present class system, it possesses several characteristics which are well marked and of the utmost importance.

### Two Classes Exist.

The capitalist system presupposes the reeling of society into class divisions—the propertied and non-propertied. The owning class, having possession of the means of livelihood—lands, factories, railroads, mines, etc.—are able to keep the non-owning class in a condition of dependence and servitude. The laboring class is absolutely dependent upon the capitalist class for an opportunity to exist. Being unable to employ themselves, they must seek employment at the hands of others, selling their labor power for what it will bring in the competitive market. Their labor power is a commodity, like beets or cabbage, which must be sold upon the open market. The ideal of every laborer should be to achieve his emancipation from this condition of servitude. This can only be accomplished by freeing himself from capitalist dependence.

### Laborer Must Own His Tools.

To secure this end he must himself become the owner of the tools necessary to his existence. But the tools today have become gigantic instruments of production, costing many thousands of dollars and operated only by the combined labor of many. The days of homebased and individual production are forever gone. The individual laborer can no longer hope to own the instruments necessary to his livelihood. The change in the method of production has given rise to a special class—the capitalist or the owning class. The individual laborer cannot acquire sufficient wealth in several lifetimes to begin to own these gigantic instruments. Not only does the cost prohibit ownership, but the character of the tools themselves makes it impossible that all that part of all others who must use the tools today are social; that is, they are cooperatively used. If one man owns these tools, even though he be a laborer, it would necessarily preclude the ownership upon the part of all others who must use the tools or starve. But the character of the instruments suggest the solution of the problem and the way of labor emancipation. The tool's being social in character, should be socially owned. Individual ownership was proper in the day of individual use. But when the method of operation is socialized, the ownership should also be socialized to correspond.

### Socialism or Slavery.

Private ownership of tools means the private appropriation of the product of social labor, and the dependence of man upon man for an opportunity to live. The great instruments of production are not operated by those who own them, or owned even to this possessing class the most advanced mechanism for wealth production that the world has ever seen. These owners allow the laborers use of these tools on condition that they (the workers) will give up to the fliers the lion's share of the product produced. Ownership is the secret of capitalist power—they own that which is necessary to the worker's existence. The

laborer to be free must themselves own these requisites to life. While it is impossible and undesirable to destroy modern methods, reverse the wheels of progress and to return to the days of small industry, and also impossible for the workers to own individually these great instruments, still these instruments can be made the collective property of all the people. This is the only way by which the laborers can secure control of their economic interest. It is Socialism or economic slavery.

### Labor Must Emancipate Itself.

We cannot expect those enjoying special privileges to willingly relinquish their advantage. Their natural desire to perpetuate a system that enables them to live in idleness off the labors of others. It is evident that if labor is emancipated, it must emancipate itself. The Socialist movement, then, which stands for labor's emancipation is based primarily upon the working class. It recognizes the great fact of the class struggle and seeks to enlighten the workers concerning their own interests; in other words, make them class conscious. This class consciousness means a consciousness of one's own interests as a member of a class, also a consciousness that his interests can only be subserved by advancing the interests of the class to which he belongs.

### The Ballot is the Key.

He also comes to realize that control of political power is necessary to any class which would permanently improve its economic condition. To solidarity in the economic field must be added solidarity in the political field. To unite in the industrial struggle and divide in the political is the height of absurdity. In fact, the ballot box is the key to the whole situation. The class that is supreme there is supreme everywhere. While the workers have the number to gain this supremacy, they have been deceived by the master class into voting themselves into continued subjection. Were the working class to unite into a class conscious political party, victory would at once be theirs. The hope of the capitalist class is to keep them divided and arrayed against each other. As long as the workers look to the masters for guidance, they will be led like sheep to the shambles. The Socialist party, which is a party of the working class, propose to master the public power and administer them in the interest of the producing class. Just in proportion as

this party gains supremacy, will labor's condition improve. The complete triumph of this party means the abolition of all class rule and economic dependence.

### Differs From Former Revolutions.

Herein the coming revolution differs from all preceding changes. In the former revolutions, class superseded class—the class below overthrowing the class above—but the continuance of private ownership resulted in establishing a new despotism. But the working class supremacy will completely abolish all dependence, because the tools of production now being social the working class can not emancipate itself without socializing the instruments. When the instruments are collectively owned the cause of all dependence and servitude will disappear. Thus while as militant our cause is chiefly identified with class, as triumphant it is identified with humanity.

### Socialism and the Socialist Movement.

Here is the distinction mentioned in the beginning of this article, between Socialism and the Socialist movement. The Socialist movement is based upon the class struggle. Socialism triumphant will abolish the class struggle and make the interest of all identical. It will be the business of the Socialist party, when in control of the state, to carry out to completeness the legislative task of transforming the privately owned tools into collective property. When this has been accomplished classes and class antagonisms will be abolished. In the new order there will be but one class—humanity, and the golden age so long dreamed of will be a realization on earth.

### Vote for Human Freedom.

All who desire a better social order and a higher state of civilization should cast their ballots in the coming election for the candidates of the Socialist party. We propose the abolition of this cannibalistic system and the substitution therefor of the co-operative commonwealth. In the new order cooperation for existence will supplant the present barbaric struggle for existence and society as well as the individual would take on an unhampered development. Socialism would transform and ennoble humanity. It would furnish the only condition wherein the higher life of service and brotherhood can be realized. We ask all who believe in or desire the better way to join in its realization. Every vote cast for Socialism brings nearer the day of human freedom.

*W.D. but make for the movement  
of Socialism 7 am. Fr. Chas H. Vail.*

### Fac Simile of Letter from Karl Kautsky

*Dear comrades,  
I am just away from Berlin for a few weeks. So in the next days, I have no photograph of mine at hand so can I procure you one of Singer and Hobel. But in the next month, I think I will be able to fulfill your desire and to procure you the two photographs of Eckhard and I. Hope they would come too late at that time. But we Hobel is in Switzerland. Singer on the left of the frame on account of the situation we will all be together again.  
With the best wishes for the success of your abstract paper, yours faithfully  
K. Kautsky*

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# Life of Chas. H. Vail

Outline of a Life Worth of Emulation. Always a Champion of Unpopular Causes. The Kind of Men Socialism is Drawing to Itself. The Only Cause in the World That Can Give a Man with High Ideals. Author of Some of the Best Expositions of Socialism.

Rev. Charles H. Vail was born in Tully, Onondaga County, New York, April 28, 1866. Mr. Vail, after finishing his early education in the public schools, having learned the trade of cooper, and after working with his father for several years took the study of music, for which he showed much aptitude, under the direction of Dr. H. R. Palmer, of New York City. He completed his studies in 1885 and entered the profession, teaching large classes in both vocal and instrumental music throughout Central New York. Besides conducting classes, private lessons were given in vocal culture and instructed in piano, organ and clarinet and organ was made a specialty. During the years 1887 and 1888 he was engaged in teaching the Choral Union work in Syracuse, N. Y. Successful classes were organized in various churches, and his work was un denominational, having for its aim the elevation of church and Sabbath school music. It was while thus engaged in his profession in Syracuse that his attention was directed to the study of Socialism.

Although Mr. Vail was brought up an adherent to the orthodox faith, his parents being members of the Disciple Church, some times called the Church of Christ, he came early in life to question its tenets. To him the orthodox doctrines, and the contradictions and inconsistencies which finally drove him into infidelity. He probably would have grown up an unbeliever had not fortuitous circumstances opened his mind to what he calls a more reasonable and logical religion, Christianity. On one occasion, when on a visit to an uncle who was a pronounced Universalist, he discovered three books treating of the subject "Footprints of Heavenward," "The Life of Nathaniel Gray," and "The Life of John Murray." At first he looked over these in a casual way, but becoming interested borrowed them and took them home with him. He was still a mere boy and the result of bringing such literature into an orthodox household was inevitable. The books suddenly disappeared and found their way back to their owner. But upon the next visit to his relative they were again obtained, only to be again ferreted away. After several such experiences young Vail decided to keep the books out of sight. This he did and pursued them unbeknown to his parents. In the meantime his parents had borrowed a book entitled "Universalism Against Itself," which he read, hoping thereby that all traces of the doctrines of Universalism would be expunged from his mind. The book was carefully read, but instead of producing the desired effect only resulted in convincing him of the truth of Universalism. He had by this time become familiar with the main arguments used in support of the "Larger Hope" and the failure of the author to meet them, together with his own reasoning in regard to the opponents, showed the weakness of his position. Had it not been for the reading of this book Mr. Vail might never have been a Universalist.

Mr. Vail now took up a thorough study of the Bible, although he had no opportunity to hear a Universalist sermon. While engaged in his work in Syracuse he was frequently found at the Universalist Church. His interest in the cause increased until finally he conceived it to be his duty to enter the 'Universalist' ministry. In the fall of 1888 he entered St. Lawrence University, at Canton, N. Y., to prepare himself for the ministry of the Universalist Church. Mr. Vail graduated in the class of 1892, but remained the following year to take post-graduate course, and received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity.

August 16, 1888, Mr. Vail was married to Miss Mary C. Ellis, of Onondaga, N. Y. His wife was a devoted and true friend, and to Canton, and lived but a short time. He

was again married, July 7, 1892, to Miss Nina Belle, of Geneva, N. Y., a classmate in the Divinity School, and also a graduate in the class of '92.

Mr. Vail's first charge was at Albany, N. Y. At the conclusion of his first year's pastorate in All Souls' Church, of that city he was called to the pastorate of the First Universalist Church of Jersey City, N. J., in which field he labored seven years.

While at college he became especially interested in the study of sociology, having given much thought to the social question before entering college. In this field he has also shown himself independent, courageous and true to his convictions. Although he was brought up in the traditions of the Republican Party, when in 1886 Cleveland stirred the country with his tariff reform message, Mr. Vail investigated the question and became convinced that the doctrine of protection was un sound and came to the advocacy of Cleveland's policy, casting his first vote for the same in the fall of '88. This abandonment of old teachings again subjected him to severe criticism and he realized once more that one who dares stand for an unpopular reform or reform must pay the price by being misunderstood, misrepresented and being thought a little weak or one-sided.

Mr. Vail's interest in the study of Sociology did not abate upon the completion of his college course. When he left college it was with the determination to make a complete study of the economic question and he began at once the collection of books treating of the various phases of the subject. His advocacy of Socialism again placed him as a champion of an unpopular doctrine but being convinced of its truth he has stood firm and loyal to his convictions, proclaiming to the world the new gospel of emancipation without fear or favor. Mr. Vail's history is not that of a time-server, he has not shrunk from the call of duty even where he obeyed him to give himself to a cause which was socially outcast and was looked upon with contempt.

At the conclusion of his seven years' pastorate at Jersey City Mr. Vail decided to enter the lecture field in behalf of the Socialist cause, and accepted the position of National Organizer of the Socialist Party. Mr. Vail anticipated that public announcement of himself as a Socialist might cost him the friendship of many and in this he was not mistaken.

On January 1, 1901, two days after his resignation, he was nominated by the Social Party of New Jersey, in convention assembled, as their candidate for governor.

January 1, 1901, Mr. Vail began his work as National Organizer of the Socialist Party. After making a tour of the Eastern states during January and February, on March 1 he began a six months' tour of the West. During this period he visited nineteen states, proceeding as far West as the Pacific Coast, traveled over 14,000 miles and spoke to large and enthusiastic audiences nearly every night. Mrs. Vail accompanied him and also lectured to women's clubs and frequently spoke in conjunction with him.

STATE COMMITTEEMAN McDEVITT RE SIGNS

Has Been Elected Registrar of the State University.—The New Position inconsistent With the Old.

To the Executive Committee, Socialist Party of Washington.

Dear Comrades:—Owing to my inability in my present circumstances, to give the necessary time and attention to the duties of the office of secretary-treasurer of the Socialist Party of Washington, I am forced to resign from that position and also from the state committee. My present position through which I obtain the means of life requires my energy and my time to such a degree that it will be impossible for me to serve the party in any other capacity than as a private soldier. Moreover, under the interpretation placed by the state committee and the state convention upon the provision in our constitution that excludes from membership all those who have not severed all relations whatsoever with the capitalist class, I should not in my new position as a direct appointee of the University Board of Regents be eligible for the office I hereby resign. My resignation, however, is based upon my inability to do the work that the duties of the office entail. (And here I wish to state, for the benefit of my successors or successors, that the work of the state secretary-treasurer has been increased to such proportions that the party cannot fairly ask anyone to undertake the work without some reasonable compensation for his services. It should not be the policy of the party to require from its officers, whether organizers or secretaries or editors, or any other employees, time and energy and the opportunities of earning a livelihood, and then to require these servants to do the cause in some measure for the sacrifice they must make for the party.)

The Socialist party of Washington was never before in so good a condition for early and significant victories.

Yours for Socialism,  
WILLIAM McDEVITT.

Excitement in one city.

PORT ANGELES is away down on the Straits of Puca and looks straight out on the broad Pacific. It is a pretty good town, too, notwithstanding its ancient mayor. Here is a clipping from a Port Angeles paper which shows what a commotion was aroused in the government of this Port of the Angels by the appearance of a live Socialist in the person of State Organizer Latimer.

Here the proceedings of the city council were interrupted by the appearance of the marshal, who stated that a Socialist speaker was addressing a crowd on the corner of Laurel and Front streets, but as far as the council was concerned no disturbance or inflammatory language was taking place. He asked what should be done, if anything. The mayor thought the man should be arrested at once, remarking "we want no anarchists stirring up the people of our city."

The city attorney looked up the ordinances and decided there was none under which the man could be squelched. The mayor then appealed to the council, but that body was indifferent. Mr. Gruth thought the marshal had the right to disperse the crowd, and in this Mr. Miller took issue with him. If the crowd was peaceable and stood within the law, the council had no right to interfere. After waiting a few minutes impatiently the mayor said he would settle it—by law or no law—"Mr. Marshal, you will disperse that crowd, and if that man gets up to speak arrest him."

After the arrest they took Latimer around the corner and told him to go. But he refused and demanded to know the charge against him and to have a trial. The result is told in our correspondence columns. They were glad to let go. That mayor bit off more than he could chew.

WHATCOMB COUNTY CONVENTION.

A convention of the Socialist Party of Whatcom county is hereby called to meet in Socialist Hall, Fairhaven, Wash., at 1 o'clock p. m., Saturday, September 7, 1902, for the purpose of nominating a senatorial representative and county officers, and for the purpose of further perfecting a county organization and the transaction of such business as may be brought before the convention. All members of the Socialist party are requested to attend and participate in the actions of the convention.

H. H. McMILLIN,  
Secy. County Committee.

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The Brotherhood of Railway Employees has adopted a Socialist resolution... The Socialist Century Club is fairly launched... The following is a partial list of candidates already entered...

The following is a partial list of candidates already entered who have a record of work for the credit of the people... A. L. Lacey, First Member \$4...

Amount reported last week \$25.00 Total \$42.60... The county is going to be treated.

WASHINGTON STATE COMMITTEE NOTES... Comrade William McElwain having resigned from the Socialists and Democrats...

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS NEWS ITEMS... The Labor Lecture Bureau has placed speakers for Labor Day as follows...

FROM EDITOR OF "CHICAGO SOCIALIST"... Wouldn't it be the opportunity pass to tell you that the Chicago Socialist stands away up in the sky...

THE WAY TO DO IT... Worcester, Mass., Aug. 21, 1902... Dear Comrade—Send me a bundle of your paper...

"HURTS BUT PREVENTS... Warrington, Ore., Aug. 20, 1902... Dear Comrade—Congratulations on the success of your meeting...

JAS. H. ROSS... Comrade Ross was in the Washington legislature... He is a Socialist in name...

ORGANIZER TELLS HIS STORY... Meetings Well Attended Everywhere... Great Interest in Socialism—Portland, Ore., Aug. 19, 1902...

Both meetings held at Silvana were well attended and much interest taken... At the first meeting Mr. Ross a teacher of the other, from Seattle, favored the audience with some music...

From Silvana came to a necessary change in my arrangements, I went to Arlington, which is one of the best locations in the West...

Schoolhouse Meeting... Wood and Iverson's Camp Here... Socialists at Comrade Louis Gottham in called a schoolhouse meeting...

Saturday evening street meeting was held in Everett, and although the Quaker Brothers with a free show held a meeting...

Sunday Studentism society convention was held and a clear cut platform adopted... For the legislature two able workers...

On Tuesday I arrived at the "City of Angels," on the Straits... An interesting meeting was held at the house and a street meeting announced...

The marshal if afterwards learned went to the city hall where the council was in session... The mayor asked me to take the chair up and arrest me by resolution...

CITY OFFICE WISE... The city attorney was wisely appointed to, but he replied that there was no ordinance by which I could be arrested...

GOOD FOR WAGE SLAVES... Newport, Ky., Aug. 20, 1902... Dear Comrade—Enclosed you will find the program for the meeting...

SPECIAL REPORT FROM STRIKE SOCIALIST PARTY Bulletin No. 10... St. Louis, Aug. 20, 1902... (Note—This communication has been received from J. L. Franke, former National Officer of the United Brewery Workers...)

ALL indications show that a glorious victory is being achieved... As a matter of fact the suspension of the strike is not a defeat...

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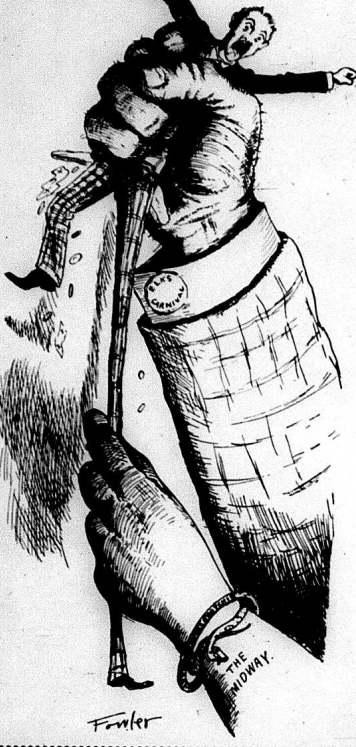
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# "Pulling His Leg."



## HAVING A GOOD TIME AT "THE CARNIVAL."

**FUN FOR PROFIT.** Capitalism lets no chance escape to make money, which means that, in the wild scramble of the vast army of the unemployed to get a living, even the human appetite for sport must be exploited.

Natural, spontaneous fun, such as a Carnival in its Southern home used to be, is here degraded into a mere device for "holding you up" and "pulling your leg."

Every one who attends this annual "Elks' Carnival," now under way at Seattle, and to be repeated next week at Portland, realizes that it is all a matter of business, like a circus, and he feels a sense of personal humiliation in it all, as if a man were to discover himself trading on his love for his mother.

When you come to look down keenly and truly into the origin of the B. P. O. E. itself, and of all other fraternal orders, you see the same sordid necessity grinning at you like a hideous nightmare.

"Benefvolent and Protective Order of Elks" indeed! It is simply one of a thousand other orders and mutual benefit associations which are such a sign of the times nowadays.

Did you ever stop to think what they mean? They mean that men and women are hunting after some kind of cheap insurance against the day of need that may come tomorrow. They have nothing ahead, and these orders furnish a cheap method of providing against "the rainy day." The masses have absolutely nothing laid up, not even enough to bury themselves with.

Benefvolent and Protective Horror! Why, it is a testimony to the fatal weakness of a barbarian system when we allow to survive still amongst us.

Socialism will be protection without being benevolent, by being simply just.

By supplying plenty for all, it will allow men and women to have fun for fun's sake instead of this travesty of fun for profit's sake.

Vote out the old, vote in the new.

Roosevelt belongs with the Democrats. He is an individualist, pure and simple. He is always harping about "character" as the great thing, and knows nothing of "Environment." He is out of touch with modern thought. He has not even a glimmer of the true causes of social progress.

A strong man himself, he holds the old notion that single men can make and unmake history. The view of science that conditions control the destiny of society is unknown to his thought. And so he talks like "an infant crying in the night, and with no language but a cry."

"No cook dares to use Frye-Bruher meat in Georgetown. The Brewers wouldn't do a thing to him." That's what they say down in South Seattle. Mem. The Brewers are pretty general Socialists, and they subscribe for The Socialist as a union. Mem. again. Socialists are the kind of union men that stand together.

The estimates on the Socialist vote are coming in. One new yearly allows you one estimate. Send them in.

**FAC SIMILE OF LETTER FROM KARL KAUSKY.** Karl Kausky is probably the best living Socialist "Political Economist." He is the author of four books that should be read by every thoughtful Socialist, "The Capitalist Class" being one of the very best Socialist pamphlets ever written.

By this letter it will be seen that our Socialist Album is to have four photographs of greatest value to all Socialists, Liebknecht, Bebel, Singer and Kausky himself. We have also received the photo and autograph of the great Italian professor, Enrico Ferri, together with a most interesting letter written in French, which will translate soon for our readers. It is good for us to learn and feel that we are members of an International Party, the International Party, which "shall be the human race."

We almost forgot to say that the Album of Socialists referred to above, is to be given to the Socialist who guesses nearest to the Socialist vote cast in the State of Washington this fall. The vote two years ago was 1966. The total vote in the state is about one hundred and twenty thousand.

Every fifty cents sent for new subscriptions to The Socialist received before Nov. 4 entitles to one estimate. The nearest will get a souvenir of inestimable value. No duplicate in the world.

## THE IDIOT, THE INDIAN, THE WOMAN.

Do you realize that the Indian problem and the woman problem are possible of comparison?

All children of the Thinkers of Alaska belong to the mother and honor her by retaining her name. With us the child that must bear its mother's name brings dishonor.

The idiot, the Indian and the woman are equal at the pole.

In the Indian's original state there was a chance for originality. Young braves won quiet names which symbolized an especial virtue. Today the Indians are hooped in a pike and told to till the land. The adept at woodcraft, the trapper, the hunter, the artist, the doctor, the conductor—all alike are to plow, to dig, to sow, or to die.

Suppose all of our aboriginal men were put at the cuspidor, that is, what is being done with their wives? They are married and told to "keep house." She who would make a marvel of a cook must "keep house," she who could fashion garments must also cook. One adept in the decorative art, our artistic, literary, executive, musical are alike piled in a heap and told to keep house. A diagnosis of their ailments would be atrophied ability, stunted ambition. Once the Indian is at all, now he is a venial prisoner on a wee patch of land region him.

Long ago when a woman was a little girl she tasted freedom. I take it that the woman in her four walls "keeping house" can best sympathize with the red man in his pitiful, barren search of a reservation.

Now, if you please, the Indian does not hate his quarters just because it is a reservation, but because his nature calls for a few things which his reservation denies.

A woman does not grow restive in her quarters because it is a home. Bless you, that is the saving clause. Because it is a home and in it she can serve those she loves she has been able to endure. But her nature calls for a few things of which her quarters do not permit.

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## KING CO. CONVENTION.

A mass convention is called by representatives of Locals Seattle, Ballard and Renton to meet at 120 Virginia street, Seattle, Sunday, Aug. 31, at 10 p. m. All members of the Socialist party residing in King county, Wash., and in good standing on Aug. 31, 1902, are invited to participate.

The object of the convention is to nominate candidates for county and legislative offices, to effect a county organization and to transact such other business as may properly come before it.

D. D. WHEEDON,  
Chairman Joint Committee.  
By order of Committee, Aug. 17, 1902.



THE PRIZE TWINS, SOCIALIST, OF COURSE.

Two years ago The Socialist received a subscription card addressed "Bee Iams, Ballard." It was so unusual a name that some fear was expressed in the office lest a clumsy capitalist was attempting a joke on "The Postage Stamp," as they called the little "Socialist" in those days. But the paper was sent, and never any notice. "Not called for."

The other day Comrade Iams was announced as the proud father of the twins who took first prize at the Carnival Baby Show.

That they are bound to grow up Socialists is evident from the fact that their father has two sons members of the Ballard Local of the Socialist Party.

If Artist Fowler had entered his baby, as he intended, Socialists would have captured the whole thing, and thus proved again that they are the Coming Party.

## THE MORAL PASSION OF SOCIALISM.

(Collected by Frederick Irons Bamford.)  
"A man who has become a Socialist knows but one object in life—to devote himself to the noble work of liberating the working people." Quoted in Van Ness' "The Coming Religion," p. 131.

"The ethics of Socialism are identical with those of Christianity." — Thomas Kirkup, Encyclopaedia Britannica, article Socialism.

"The morality it (Socialism) teaches is far superior to that of its adversaries." — Professor Francesco S. Nitti (University of Naples), Catholic Socialism, pp. 2 and 9 of Preface.

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