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INTRODUCTION.

In presenting my views upon Socialism to all who may choose to read this pamphlet, I simply present them *as my views*. I have asked for no man's help, opinions or suggestions. That I have read Socialistic works, attended their lectures, and interviewed their lecturers and teachers goes without saying; but the more I read and the more I interviewed, the more confused I became, until at last I determined to work out the entire Socialistic puzzle for myself. In doing so I have endeavored to free my mind from every prejudice, which was easily accomplished, never having participated in politics further than the casting of my vote for the man whom I believed to be the most honest, irrespective of party.

Being myself a mechanic and ever deeply interested, as I am today, in the uplifting of the toiling masses, I entered upon the study of Socialism with the avowed intention of joining the movement if I found its platform, plans and purposes to be honest, practicable and progressive. I therefore hope that in reading this statement of my final conclusions, every Socialist will in fairness extend to me the right he claims for himself—the simple right to express my own thoughts, the right to paint the picture as I myself see it.

As I do not write at the dictation of any man or of any party, and the pamphlet itself being for free distribution, I hope for the tolerant indulgence which the uneducated man has a right to claim when honestly, if laboriously, endeavoring to express what he believes. The reader who desires to be informed begins at the beginning and reads to the end. The frivolous and superficial begins anywhere and ends nowhere.

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