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Dear Sir please submit the following communication to the Executive Committee

Comrade I am now and have for five years past been writing a "Socialist Primer" or "Text Book" treating on moral, mental, economic and political philosophy in a concise clear and comprehensive manner expounding all the general laws or principles that

underlie the phenomena of Capitalistic
 and Socialistic production and distribu-
 tion of wealth. I have accomplished
 for the Socialist cause of emancipat-
 ing the human race from all forms of
 slavery and oppression what has nev-
 er before been even attempted i.e. the
 working out of a ^{complete} nomenclature with a clear
 concise and logical definition of every
 known term and phrase in both Capitalist-
 ic and Socialistic political economy and
 there-by reducing them to a science which
 may ^{in the future} be classified with that of mathematics
 for precision. I dispell all confusion of thought
 by drawing sharp and rigorous lines of de-

demonstration of some very idea

I have exploded the sophistries advanced by the defenders of the robber capitalist class by unmasking ~~and~~ dissecting and pointing out the ambiguities and hypocrisies in which their fundamental terms and phrases are paraded to deceive and hoodwink the unwary. At the same time I do not overdraw but am fair to all concerned by being literally, actually and mathematically correct on every proposition.

I define and treat in detail every form of government under the sun and demonstrate with mathematical precision that all forms except pure Democracy are capitalistic in their character having for their drift and the legalization and perpetuation of the robbery of the working class by the capitalist class. I have not overlooked the Anarchists illogical doctrine of no government but particularly its inconsistencies, incongruities and self contradictions.

I draw sharp and clear distinctions between such ideas as paternalism and fraternalism, altruism egoism and selfishness, reform and revolution, conservative and radical, liberty license and privilege, competition and emulation,

chattel slavery, wage slavery, serfdom, industrial freedom, and economic freedom, moral right and wrong, capitalist-co-operation, and socialist co-operation, legal robbery and moral robbery, etc. I have long ^{since} realized the fact that there exists much confusion of thought even among the most brilliant ^{socialist} writers and thinkers because of lack of clear comprehension of the above and many other things.

Hence a treatise of this kind with its acute discriminations has been a long felt want.

I discuss at length all classes and castes the capitalist class and the working class, the ruling and the ruled class, the robber and robbed class, the proletarian class movement, the class struggle, class consciousness, and the final abolition of all classes and castes

and the triumph of the international socialist democracy. I explain the old feudal system with its lords and serfs and analyze middle or small capitalist movements with their reactionary policies and show that their real aim is to get a tighter grip on the throats of the working class.

I also point out the snare of middle-class socialism, state socialism, so-called capitalistic socialism, Imperial socialism, Glassco plan of socialism etc.

I have endeavored to impress on the reader's mind the necessity of all working men becoming class conscious and forming a class conscious economic and political body acting as ^{unit} ax in their interests and against the interests of the common enemy before they can

ever gain a foot of ground.

In one chapter I answer all the principle objections that are urged against Socialism by the professors lackeys and defenders of the capitalist band of robbers and their sanctified system of wage slavery.

I first state these objections in the strongest possible language, for example "Socialism would reduce mankind to a slavery that the world has never seen!" Then in my answers I smash them to splinters in a manner that tends to make even these moral bankrupts and intellectual prostitutes blush and hang their head with shame and burning disgrace.

It is part of my plan to also give a clear and concise treatment on capitalistic political issues of every description and not forgetting to call particular attention to the fundamental idea on which every capitalist issue rests.

I also wish to dwell on labor organizations, ~~and~~ shake up the labor fakirs and plead the cause of new trades unionism with its straight forward manly and independent political action.

For references as to the merits or demerits of my manuscript I suggest the names of the following comrades who have personally examined it in part.

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Comrade Peatson, Wm. Coetzy, and
 H. J. Ellis, our organizers for S. F. Sec-
 tion S. Q. P. on the "Catechism of So-
 cialism" as published by S. Benham
 in S. F. Jan 1890 you will see a
 few of my definitions on page 16
 one of which is wholly wrong and
 since then I have perfected the others.

My ideal is a book of about 400
 pages I have the body of it and funda-
 mentals including all the definitions work-
 ed out. If I had the means of a lively-
 hood and a sunny room. I could per-
 haps write its details and complete it for
 publication in four months, but my health is
 failing and I depend upon my personal effort
 for a living. I have lately been compelled

to spend most of my time at work or looking for work. I have therefore but little spare time to study and write

Hence my progress is necessarily slower than it would be under more favorable conditions. I have no money to invest in printing it. My plan and only recourse is to submit this proposition to the Socialist comrades, and those ~~and those~~ of altruistic sympathies to devise ways and means and raise the necessary money for its publication

I would be very ^{thankful} for any suggestions on this subject. Yours Respectfully for
"Socialism In Our Time?"

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