

COMMUNISM IN AMERICA

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649422562

Communism in America by Henry Ammon James

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

HENRY AMMON JAMES

**COMMUNISM
IN AMERICA**

COMMUNISM IN AMERICA

BY

HENRY AMMON JAMES, B.A.

OF THE

LAW DEPARTMENT OF YALE COLLEGE

THE YALE JOHN A. PORTER PRIZE ESSAY
FOR 1878.

"Ach, da kommt der Meister!
Herr, die Noth ist gross!
Die ich rief, die Geister,
Werd' ich nun nicht los."

GÖTTE.



NEW YORK
HENRY HOLT AND COMPANY
1879.

~~#440~~
Soc 925.3

HARVARD COLLEGE LIBRARY

1881, Sept. 27.

Gift of
Prof. Wm. James,
of Cambridge.

COPYRIGHT
By HENRY HOLT & CO.,
1878.

S. W. GREEN,
PRINTER AND ENGRAVER,
No. 16 Jacob Street,
New York.

1892
102

TERMS OF FOUNDATION

OF THE

JOHN A. PORTER UNIVERSITY PRIZE.

At a meeting of the President and Fellows of Yale College, held in New Haven, March 13th, 1872, an offer was received from the Kingsley Trust Association, dated at New Haven, December 15th, 1871, placing at the disposal of the Corporation of Yale College, annually, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, to constitute a prize to be called the John A. Porter Prize, and to be awarded for an English Essay, upon the following conditions, viz. :—

“1. The Prize may be competed for by any member of any department of the College, pursuing a regular course for a degree, who shall have been a member for at least one Academic year prior to the time when the Prize shall be awarded.

“2. The Prize shall be awarded by three Judges, two to be appointed by the President of the College, and one by the Trustees of the Kingsley Trust Association; such Judges to be chosen or appointed on or before the first day of the second Academic term. The award of the Prize shall be announced on Commencement Day.

“3. Subjects shall be chosen, and the length and character of the Essays may be specified by the Trustees

TERMS OF FOUNDATION.

of the Kingsley Trust Association. The subject shall be publicly announced on or before the first day of the second Academic term of the present collegiate year, and hereafter within the first two weeks of the first Academic term.

"4. If in any year, in the opinion of the Judges, none of the competing essays be of sufficient excellence, the Prize shall not be awarded.

"5. Competing essays shall be transmitted to the Judges within one week after the opening of the third Academic term, under cover, signed by a fictitious name, and accompanied by the real name of the writer in a sealed enclosure.

"6. The Trustees reserve the right to retain all competing manuscripts, and the right of publication of the same; each essay must therefore be accompanied by an assignment of the right of copyright.

"7. These terms and conditions may at any time be altered by the Trustees of the Kingsley Trust Association, with the consent of the President and Fellows of the College."

Resolved, That the foregoing offer be accepted upon the above-named conditions.

Attest,

FRANKLIN B. DEXTER, *Secretary*.

PURSUANT to the terms of the foregoing Foundation, the following Judges were nominated and appointed:—

THE REV. WILLIAM M. BARBOUR, D.D.,
Professor in Yale College;

THE REV. SAMUEL HARRIS, D.D., LL.D.,
Professor in Yale College;

HENRY B. HARRISON, Esq., M.A.

The Judges awarded the prize to the essayist whose paper bore the signature of "Nabilac."

1878.

PRIZE ESSAYIST:

NABILAC,

HENRY AMMON JAMES, B.A.,

Baltimore, Md.,

of the Senior Class in the Law Department.



OUTLINE.

	PAGE
I. INTRODUCTORY—The Use of the Terms, <i>Communism</i> , and <i>Socialism</i> , in America, . . .	1-5
II. The Old Communism.	
(a). Colonial Communism—Massachusetts and Virginia, . . .	6-8
(b). The Communistic Societies.	
(1). The Religious Communities,	9-14
(2). The Owen and Fourier Movements,	15-20
III. The New Communism (Socialism).	
(a). As a Political Movement,	21-36
(1). Its Origin, 21-23. (2). Its Transportation to and Growth in America, 24-30. (3). The Socialistic Labor Party—its Political Methods and Strength, 30-36.	
(b). The Science of Socialism—its Standpoint,	36-
(1). A Specimen Socialist, 36-38. (2). The Socialist's Starting Point, 38-45. (3). His Logical Position, 45-47. (4). His Philosophical Attitude, 47-49.	
(c). Its Purposes—Marx and Lassalle—their Social Scheme,	49-54
(d). Its Methods,	55-60
(e). Strength and Special Application in America,	60-65
IV. The Meaning and Value of the New Communism (Socialistic Movement),	
(a). Underlying Misconceptions,	65-67
(b). The Real Difficulty it throws up,	68-74
(c). Influence on Political Economy,	74-78
V. Conclusion,	78-84