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We already have a copy of your other book "Why I am opposed to Socialism".

Yours truly,


J. C. Rowell
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I am not able to furnish you with a free copy of the publication you wish to have. The symposium has cost me much time and money- I have to get some returns or be compelled to join the I. W. W. brigade.

Very

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Edward Silvin

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Why I Am In Favor of Socialism

London, Jack. (Author.)

I am in favor of Socialism because I am an individualist, and because in Socialism I see the only possible social organization that will give equal opportunity and an even chance to every individual to develop and realize what is strongest and best in him—and in her, if you please.

Because Socialism is in line with social evolution, is foreshadowed as inevitable by today's social tendencies, was foreshadowed as inevitable by the social tendencies of ten thousand years ago and ten thousand generations ago.

Because I am convinced that it is the only form of social organization that will give a square deal to the little boys and girls that are coming into the world today, tomorrow, and in the days after tomorrow's morrow.

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Cutler, James Elbert. (University Professor.)

I am in favor of Socialism as regards its aims and purposes, because I believe it to be in this respect in harmony with the fundamental principles of social progress.

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Loveman, Robert. (Poet.)

I believe Plato favored an ideal commonwealth, and I favor Plato.

Walt Whitman was inclined towards the Utopian theory—and Walt was a poet with a "yawp," that was perhaps barbarian—but it was emphatic.

I am something of a Socialist—a little of a Communist—I hope not much of an Anarchist—and I believe with Lincoln