

Readers Indorse the Constructive Program

C. H. Desch, Sr., Pennsylvania.—After noting the issues mentioned, I wish to state that I am in full accord with each and every one. I am always with Mr. Bryan in whatever he may advocate because he is always on the right side, working in the interest of the common people.

W. F. Cable, Idaho.—I am in full accord with all the points set forth

Lee Riddle, California.—I am in favor of every one of the issues named.

O. H. Wilhove, North Dakota.—I can heartily indorse all reconstruction issues urged by The Commoner and feel it my duty to do what I can to get subscriptions.

W. C. Reichenberg, Nebraska.—I have checked the issues of which I am in favor. You will note that I have missed none. Am glad The Commoner will "carry on" and hope that these reforms will go "over the top."

Wm. B. Ice, Jr., West Virginia.—From the time when Mr. Bryan first stepped on the stage of action I have always been in hearty accord with him for all the principles which he has stood up and contended for, and I shall continue in the future as long as I have life and strength to stand for all the ideas and issues set forth in his constructive program.

J. C. Ingram, New Mexico.—I am always interested in Mr. Bryan's programs, but I am a farmer and I have no hopes of our farming industry getting any protection or assistance from any congress that can be elected.

A. B. Judy, Illinois.—We like The Commoner. Have taken it from its beginning. Like it better since it advocated the prohibition of the liquor traffic. The Commoner is doing a great work. It seems to me that Mr. Bryan ought to be in the peace conference in France.

B. F. Jones, Nebraska.—I heartily indorse all of Mr. Bryan's reforms.

George G. Swaim, New Jersey.—I approve all that you state in the constructive program.

L. A. Bernard, Texas.—I heartily indorse all except the government ownership of railroads, and I believe in it also but not for the immediate future. However, the people must continue to be educated along this line, and I feel sure there is no other man who is so capable and sincere as Mr. Bryan. The packers and wholesale grocers are the greatest menace confronting us today.

W. E. Craig, Arkansas.—Concerning Mr. Bryan's constructive program, will say that all of them hit me except woman suffrage.

Wm. Russell Smith, Pennsylvania.—I am heartily in sympathy with the good work The Commoner is doing. The policies outlined suit me to a "T."

J. K. Wester, Texas.—I have always agreed with Mr. Bryan in most of the things he advocates, but cannot agree with him on two subjects that he is now advocating; namely, woman suffrage and government ownership of railroads.

A. C. Frinke, South Dakota.—I favor all of the principles and issues outlined in the constructive program.

J. W. Livingston, Missouri.—I am in favor of the handling of governmental affairs as stated in your constructive program. Success to The Commoner and the policies it advocates.

J. C. Finley, Nebraska.—I favor all reforms that are for the good of all the people. I am bitterly opposed to the protective tariff.

W. E. Robinson, California.—I am with you with all my heart; I approve all your ideas.

S. F. Hartnett, Delaware.—Your program is all right. Push it to the fullest extent.

W. P. Mavity, Illinois.—I am with you in the fight for national prohibition and oppose militarism in this country.

E. H. Wilson, Nebraska.—I am in accord with all the issues you advocate.

Marion Plummer, Nebraska.—I am heartily in favor of all your proposed issues. In fact, personally I am first and last in favor of anything and everything Mr. Bryan wishes to bring about in matters of legislation, for all the common people have to their credit, or have had for these many years, was made possible by the untiring efforts of this great and good man.

J. C. Ambrose, Colorado.—I agree and am in sympathy with all the issues you enumerate.

WHERE DO YOU STAND?

In its January issue, The Commoner printed a "Constructive Program" which outlined measures which Mr. Bryan believed would protect the people in their social, economic and political rights, and promote the general welfare of the country. In presenting these issues, Mr. Bryan invited suggestion and criticism, stating that "I am more anxious that the truth shall triumph than that my own opinion shall be vindicated."

The Commoner was hardly prepared for the avalanche of indorsements that came from its readers in every state in the union. A few of these letters are quoted from below, and more will be printed. Space will not permit the reproduction of all received, but The Commoner is anxious to have a free expression from its readers whether the letters will appear in its columns or not.

Let us hear from all. What do you think of the program? Have you anything to offer that you think would be better? Do you believe the "Constructive Program," as printed, should be incorporated in the National Democratic Platform of 1920?

Extra copies of The Commoner, containing the "Constructive Program," will be mailed upon request, or sent to other addresses if desired.

E. J. Cantwell, Missouri.—I am in favor of every issue set forth by Mr. Bryan. I have been with him on every question for the last twenty years and today I am willing to follow where he leads. I consider Mr. Bryan the greatest statesman in the world, and give him a large share of the credit in bringing about a world-wide peace that we hope for in the near future.

G. T. Terry, Utah.—I have been very much interested in the principles of reform which Mr. Bryan has been advocating and expounding. I would like to see The Commoner in every family in the land.

Calvin Turner, Maine.—I am in hearty accord with all that Mr. Bryan sets forth. I see that Mr. Wilson has got to accept and use Mr. Bryan's peace plan as a basis for a league of nations. As the years go by the people will see that Mr. Bryan was right on all the questions of good government.

G. W. Waisner, Wyoming.—I have read and re-read the various measures outlined in your program, and I can certainly say that I heartily indorse them as a whole. Such measures will be for the greatest good to the greatest number if enacted into law. Sometime Mr. Bryan will go down in history as the greatest reformer of his age.

W. O. Bragg, Missouri.—I like Mr. Bryan's program for years. He is the original peace man and gave us "Woodrow." I think the war has strengthened the "trusts" and fastened them on the country. The balance of power will soon pass from "booze votes" to "women votes." Hail the change.

J. H. Eckles, Indiana.—I do not want to miss a single issue of The Commoner, as I have taken it ever since its start and am in sympathy with it and Mr. Bryan's reform efforts.

R. W. Crawford, West Virginia.—I believe in practically all the reforms advocated by Mr. Bryan. I think Mr. Bryan is the greatest reformer of modern times.

F. M. Ranck, Ohio.—I am in favor of all the issues contained in your constructive program, and will do all I can to give them life and make them what they ought to be; to help crystallize them into active and live sentiment, and make them the policy of this government.

J. D. Joseph, Kansas.—I indorse all the program except as follows: 1. I do not believe the initiative and referendum is practical; 2. I am in favor of reducing the army and navy providing other nations may be persuaded to join in such reduction.

John W. Chamblee, Alabama.—I am in favor of all the issues mentioned in your program. I am only sorry that President Wilson did not send Mr. Bryan and Mr. Root to the peace conference.

Elder J. D. McClure, Missouri.—Mr. Bryan has lived to see all his great contentions put into practice, except the peace of all nations. We all hope to see this accomplished within the year 1919. No man has done so much for all the people as he has. The prestige and glory of Woodrow Wilson is only possible because of what Mr. Bryan has done for him. I shall do all I can as you suggest.

W. F. Cable, Idaho.—I am in accord with all the points set forth in your program.

W. J. Gregg, Texas.—I have read, re-read and carefully considered your constructive program, and will do what I can for the promulgation of the principles and issues named therein.

R. P. Bryant, Minnesota.—I heartily approve of Mr. Bryan's constructive program.

Wm. A. Maysfield, Missouri.—Mr. Bryan has advocated and brought about more reforms than any other living man today. All thinking people see it that way and he is the greatest man on earth today. He was the cause of Mr. Wilson being where he is today, and the peace plans they are trying to effect are along the lines Mr. Bryan has advocated for many years.

Frank Johnson, Nebraska.—I heartily indorse all of the constructive issues stated. Shall stand for them whenever occasion requires or opportunity presents.

W. G. Stewart, Pennsylvania.—I favor all the issues presented in the constructive program, but how about the increased land values resulting benefit the public instead of the landowners? Isn't the land question of vital importance?

J. F. Fritts, California.—I am in favor of all of the reforms outlined in your constructive program.

Lewis E. Summers, Indiana.—I am in favor of all the issues that Mr. Bryan is advocating. They are in the interest of the people who are the victims of the profiteers.

A. A. Higdon, Missouri.—I do not quite agree with everything which you are advocating. The thing that is bothering me more than any other one thing is the government ownership of railroads. It is a question and a very serious question in my mind as to whether or not the railroads can best be operated by the government or by the private interests, or controlled in their operation with reference to the rates on both freight and passenger traffic which they see fit to charge for handling the business, by the several state governments together or in conjunction with the federal government.

Frank McCain, Kansas.—I am in favor of the issues you present. In fact, you never did advocate anything that did not look reasonable and just to me, but I am not taken up with woman suffrage as I was.

Jenas McClintock, Pennsylvania.—Indorses all constructive program on all points except woman suffrage.

W. H. Frost, New York.—I indorse every one of these reforms.

E. P. Taylor, Kentucky.—I heartily concur in every one of the issues outlined in your constructive program. I hope that Mr. Bryan will have health and strength to continue the good work in behalf of the common people that he has so successfully and faithfully waged in the past.

L. L. Hale, Minnesota.—Favors government ownership and regulation of the liquor traffic instead of prohibition. The rest of your platform is good, almost "socialistic."

Charles McCabe, Washington.—I am in sympathy with Mr. Bryan's reconstruction issues.

Albert Palmateer, Massachusetts.—Have read your outline of principles Mr. Bryan is working for and I agree with all of them. I have been with him since 1896 and am still with him in his fight for the people.

R. A. Holman, Iowa.—I believe in the reforms advocated with the exception of the one relating to the government ownership of railroads, etc.

C. W. Bondurant, Virginia.—I am heartily

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