

The Duty That Faces the Democratic Party This Year

That democrats everywhere are beginning to realize the supreme importance of the outcome of this year's congressional elections, and also the necessity of commencing at once an aggressive campaign of education and organization, is shown by an almost nation-wide response to the appeal published in the last issue of The Commoner.

From every section of the country comes the word that democrats are lining up for the battle which will determine whether the congress to be elected this fall shall be in harmony with the principles pledged in the national democratic platform and championed by the present democratic administration.

It is apparent that the rank and file democrats in every state are keenly alive to the fact that the imperative duty that faces the democratic party this year is to **make sure** that the next congress will be democratic, not only as an indorsement of President Wilson's great work on behalf of the people, but to give the democratic party a full and fair opportunity to carry out its splendid progressive program, and to demonstrate, in the most practical way, its capacity to serve the people of this country. Every earnest democrat realizes that a failure to return a democratic congress this fall would prove a serious setback to the plans of the administration, and place the democratic party in a defensive position, without the requisite power to put its policies into action.

The election of a democratic majority in the next congress will not be an easy task. Let no democrat regard the result as certain. The fight must be made—regardless of the plans of the opposition—in every state, in every district, from now until election.

The plans outlined in the last issue of The Commoner, for the purpose of circulating The Commoner for educational purposes among the voters, are meeting with hearty approval and generous cooperation from all sections of the country, as will be seen by a few of the letters which are printed below:

Homer A Cope, Kansas City, Mo.—As I am heartily in favor of the work begun by President Wilson and Secretary Bryan and likewise our democratic congress, I feel that it is my duty to do all in my power to help the good cause along and as you have stated in your January issue that it is necessary to return the democrats to power in congress, I ask you to send me about fifteen subscription cards and I feel confident that I can dispose of them in good places. I will in a few months organize a club of the young democrats of this city for the purpose of convincing the voters that they should vote the democratic ticket next fall. I wish The Commoner great success in its great work.

H. E. Ireland, Vera, Illinois.—Herewith find \$1.00 for my renewal and \$1.00 which I sub-

scribe for placing extra copies of The Commoner during the congressional campaign.

E. E. Phipps, Ashland, Oregon—Herewith find remittance to pay for club of six yearly subscriptions to The Commoner. I have never missed a copy of The Commoner since its first publication and regard it as an important factor in the nation in unifying the great masses in the principles of democracy.

J. N. Touchstone, Sherman, Tex.—I herewith enclose order for ten subscription cards, in order that I may help in the educational work necessary to insure the re-election of a democratic congress. I am a charter member of The Commoner army.

Mr. Jno. Aleck, Park Rapids, Minn.—Please send me ten subscription cards and I will get you as many new subscribers. I have sent several subscriptions before. The Wilson administration is making a marked change for the better up here.

Mr. Jas. O'Toole, Norton, Kansas.—Herewith find remittance for five yearly subscriptions to The Commoner. Send me extra copies and more blanks and I will secure more subscribers.

Editor "The Sentinel," Perry, Okla.—Enclosed find remittance for seven yearly subscriptions to The Commoner. Please send a lot of sample copies; we want to take at least 200 additional Commoner subscriptions by July 1st, believing that the same will materially assist us in overcoming a republican majority of over 150 in this county. (Mr. Bagby publishes a roll of honor which includes the name of all persons subscribing for The Commoner and The Sentinel at the special combination rate he makes for the two papers.)

Mr. J. A. Miller, Kearney, Neb.—I enclose herewith draft to pay for the enclosed club of six new names and for the renewal of my own subscription to The Commoner. It took about two hours work to secure this club. I am glad to send you these new names.

W. W. Palmer, Glascoe, Kans.—Send me \$10.00 worth of cards and I will do all I can to circulate The Commoner and help elect a democratic congress. The opposition have already begun to organize. Democrats must wake up to the situation.

Mr. W. D. Gogerat, Cohoke, Va.—Desiring to assist in upholding the hands of President Wilson's administration and believing that circulating The Commoner as current campaign literature in close congressional districts will materially aid in bringing about the election of democratic candidates, I hereby enclose my check for \$25.00 to be used in sending The Commoner at the special rate of 60c a year.

Jens Jensen, Tacoma, Wash.—Enclosed find remittance of \$3.00, which I cheerfully contribute to assist in circulating The Commoner as

current literature to assist in insuring the election of a democratic majority in the congress to be elected this fall.

A. W. Hendricks, Coon Rapids, Ia.—Send me five special congressional campaign subscription cards. I also herewith enclose my pledge to contribute \$5.00 to assist in extending the circulation of The Commoner as current campaign literature. I am sure we will hold the power although it will not do to trust them at all. Let us bend every nerve to defeat them. (80 years old the 5th day of next December.)

C. F. Moorehead, Morganfield, Ky.—I hereby agree to contribute \$3.00 to be used in sending The Commoner at the special rate of 60c a year to persons in my district as I shall designate later.

J. O. McDonald, New Market, Iowa.—I hand you herewith pledge to contribute \$5.00 to be used for sending The Commoner at the 60c rate to persons in my county and district as I will later designate.

E. J. Stevenson, Boulder, Colo.—Herewith find my pledge for \$3.00 to help extend the influence of The Commoner in the present congressional campaign.

W. T. Smith, Monticello, Iowa.—I am glad to pledge a contribution of \$1.00 to be paid within 60 days to the fund for the purpose of circulating The Commoner for the good it will do in securing the election of a democratic majority in the next congressional election.

L. W. Beaman, Sterling, Kans.—Please send me five campaign subscription cards as I want to help in this great fight.

A WORK FOR EVERY DEMOCRAT

This is a work that every democrat may take a hand in. Every democrat who realizes the importance of personal work among the voters, as well as every democrat who appreciates the value of reliable campaign literature, should endeavor to place The Commoner in the hands of at least a few voters in his district. Good campaign literature is one of the easiest and most effective ways to change votes and keep voters in-line, as many workers will testify. This is a work that takes but little time, but should be started at once. For this year's congressional campaign The Commoner makes a special rate of 60 cents. For those who will assist in this work we have arranged two pledges below. One pledge calls for a number of special subscription cards which a worker agrees to take and be responsible for at 60 cents each. The other pledge is arranged for those who do not have time to go out and dispose of the subscription cards, but who wish to contribute a stated amount toward placing The Commoner in the hands of a number of voters, in a state or district where they may later designate. Kindly sign one of the pledges below, and start the work in your district at once.

A PLEDGE

TO ELECT A DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS IN 1914

Publisher Commoner: Believing that the way to endorse President Wilson's administration is to elect a democratic congress in 1914, and believing that The Commoner placed in the hands of worthy democrats and the independent voters will materially assist in the election of a democratic congress as an approval of the administration of President Wilson, I request that you send me the subscription cards indicated below and I pledge myself to use my utmost endeavor to sell the cards and will remit for them at the Congressional Campaign Special Rate of 60 cents each.

5	Name.....
10	Box or St. No.....
15	P. O..... State.....
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Indicate the number of cards wanted by marking X opposite one of the numbers printed at the end of this blank.

If you are willing to assist The Commoner in the educational and organization work to bring about a congressional victory, fill out the above coupon and mail it to THE COMMONER, Lincoln, Neb.

A PLEDGE

Publisher Commoner: Desiring to assist in upholding the hands of President Wilson's administration, and believing that circulating The Commoner as current campaign literature in close congressional districts will materially aid in bringing about the election of the democratic candidates, I hereby agree to contribute the amount indicated below, the same to be used in sending The Commoner at the special rate of 60c per year to persons in my county or district or in another state or district, as I may designate later.

\$1.00	Name.....
\$3.00	Box or St. No.....
\$5.00	P. O..... State.....
\$10.00	
\$25.00	

Indicate the amount you are willing to contribute by marking X opposite the figure printed on the end of this blank.

The amount pledged above may be sent in with the pledge, or it may be paid anytime within 60 days. This pledge is not negotiable, and collection of it will not be forced. Kindly fill in the pledge and mail at once to THE COMMONER, Lincoln, Neb.