

Keep Up the War on Liquor Interests

Commoner readers are enlisting for the war against the liquor interests. Below are extracts from a few of the letters from those who endorse Mr. Bryan's plans to help rid the country of the booze business—the greatest enemy of the moral, social and economic progress of the nation. Will you not join in the movement? The letters follow:

H. H. Eames, Tex.—I am sending a few names whom I want to read The Commoner. One must read Mr. Bryan's paper to know what Mr. Bryan is doing for the people and good government. His stand on the liquor traffic is having wonderful effect for good.

E. M. Richmond, Mo. — I desire to say that it was a source of great satisfaction to me when I read in the papers Mr. Bryan's declaration of intention for the next four years. I have been personally in the fight against liquor for 15 years. Think his plan to reorganize the democratic party and take it from the control of the liquor interests is a good one. I am ready to do what I can to help in this work.

M. J. Ledbetter, Miss — W. J. Bryan may count on my influence and help, however little that may be, in any and all of his great and noble works.

E. J. King, Pa.—Your plan is good enough for me—I will never forsake your call. I am with the democrats of the south and west. On the very day your letter reached me, at a meeting of the democrats of my ward, I offered a resolution that we pledge ourselves to nominate only dependable democrats as delegates to all conventions, beginning with the year 1917. We polled 3,000 votes for President Wilson; there is only one ward in Philadelphia that polled more votes than we did.

J. F. Buchheit, Pa.—I am in receipt of your letter in regards to the campaign in which Mr. Bryan hopes to wipe out the liquor traffic. You may assure him that I am with him heart and soul as I have been for 20 years in every fight he has put up in the interest of the people.

Charles Bussey, W. Va.—In regard to Mr. Bryan's plan to rid the country of saloons, I would be only too glad to see this accomplished.

Samuel H. Laird, Ida.—We, the good people of Idaho, voted our state dry by amending the constitution. Mr. Bryan will get good hearty support from Idaho in favor of national prohibition. I am personally willing to do all I can to help lay the foundation for the emancipation of whiskey slaves, not only for their own sake, and their families, but for the betterment of civilization by doing away with the unthinking and depraved voters.

John P. Erickson, Ind.—I am not a politician, but will help for the cause of temperance. Will give you some names of democrats that I am sure will be in favor of temperance.

Thos. E. Cashman, Minn.—I will be glad to do anything within my power to drive rum out of this country. As you state, the democrats are the logical people to bring this about.

W. A. Greenwald, Neb.—I am heartily in favor of W. J.'s plan and believe the time is ripe to change the tide from the whisky crowd that has been dominating politics in this and other states.

W. H. Dodge, Mich.—I am heartily in favor of the ideas advanced by you with reference to the work that should engage the democratic party for the campaign of 1920. I am sending you a list of names as you suggested and will try and get others in the near future.

H. A. Foster, Ind.—I am sending you a few names to be added to the club of 32 I sent some time ago. I have been a subscriber to The Commoner ever since the first number was issued and have sent in a small club every year. I am now in my 80th year and hope I may be able to send in other clubs in the future.

L. M. Penwold, Kans.—Replying to your letter concerning the policy of The Commoner and the undertaking of Wm. J. Bryan, will say I compliment Mr. Bryan on the stand he has taken and agree with him fully. The only way to get rid of the saloons is no saloons. And I know of no better way than to do it through

the democratic party. I have not the time to campaign last year dated from the day Mr. devote to getting a list, but I herewith enclose my check for \$3.00 covering subscriptions of five of my friends for The Commoner including myself.

James W. Bowman, W. Va.—I herewith send you a list of subscribers to The Commoner. I have been a continual subscriber to your paper from its first publication and have all these years been much interested in its circulation.

T. W. Huston, Mo.—I enclose a list of names of 15 subscribers for The Commoner as per order. I hope I may be able to secure additional names from time to time.

Vance Hickin, Ohio.—I can only say that I shall continue to do as best I can, but with greater zeal than ever before when Mr. Bryan has taken this open stand as our leader.

C. J. McKittrick, Iowa.—I wish to say that I am with Hon. W. J. Bryan in all of his work for a cleaner, stronger democratic party, also for his wonderful work in behalf of the laboring people.

D. A. Lewis, Ill.—It is my opinion that the time never was more opportune than it is now for the democratic party to champion the cause of prohibition and woman suffrage.

A. W. Gordon, Ind.—Mr. W. J. Bryan's plans meet with my hearty approval and he can count on my three Gordon votes and our influence as far as it may go. When I have more time I will see what I can do in picking up a few subscribers, also a few names that I think it would be well to write.

F. G. McCutcheon, Kans — These (enclosing list) are only a few of the good, untainted democrats in Brown county, Kansas, who heartily endorse your good paper, and Wm. J. Bryan.

John S. Mohler, Ohio.—I am in complete and absolute sympathy with W. J. Bryan's plan and will be glad to assist in any way to make it a success. I have always approved of the methods advocated by him, in fact, he has never said anything or done anything but what has had my hearty support and approval.

A. F. Bleish, Mo.—We believe you are right. Keep up with the fight.

Wm. H. Gentry, Ind.—I heartily endorse the plan announced by Mr. Bryan. I believe that the party that has woman suffrage and prohibition in its platform four years from now will be the successful party. If it is coming I would much rather have it under a democratic administration than under a republican.

John Womble, Mont.—I am sure glad to see you take the stand you have. I am sure we can win in 1920.

W. T. Wilson, Tex.—I heartily endorse Mr. Bryan's plans.

J. H. Crutcher, Kans.—I am in hearty accord with the plans set forth in your letter, and am sending names and my subscription for same.

L. G. Geneways, Neb.—I want to say that W. J. Bryan can count on me to help him in any way that I can to make this nation dry, and I have three sons that may be counted on to help.

G. W. Nulton, Ohio.—In answer to your communication to make the nation dry in the next four years I am in hearty accord and will assist to the best of my abilities.

A. D. Thompson, Ky.—I approve to the fullest extent the plan of campaign against the saloon outlined by Wm. J. Bryan, and wish him abundant success in this and everything he undertakes that is right (and I have little fear, if any, that he will ever undertake anything that is wrong).

Chas. L. Vaughan, Va., Yours of recent date making a special subscription offer to hand. I have done a little work among my friends and the friends of Mr. Bryan, and am herewith enclosing you a list of 20 names, all of them new subscribers, with only two or three exceptions. I find that Mr. Bryan is still held in favor by all the forward looking democrats, and especially those who have followed his movements closely for the past twenty-five years. The names I am sending you are representative, and

many of them officers of the democratic organization of the county. It might be interesting to you to know that we are in the only congressional district in Virginia that sends a republican representative to Washington. We need The Commoner's influence among our people.

S. B. Pulliam, Ky.—Congratulations to Mr. Bryan, for all the credit for the last election is of a right his. More strength to his arm. God grant that he be given the power to continue the fight to divorce the democratic party from the whisky forces and make of our party the great moral force it should be.

Albert Guhl, Ia.—I am more than pleased with the stand Mr. Bryan has taken on the liquor issue and the sentiment of a good majority here is the same. Eight years ago I started the fight against the open saloon in Vincent and Webster counties, two years following they were all closed except Ft. Dodge.

J. H. Luglan, Ia.—I want to say that I am going to work for prohibition in 1920 and I have been for W. J. Bryan in every political issue since 1896.

J. A. Seruggs, Va.—Mr. Bryan has been the leader in many reforms but he has never championed a cause more worthy or an enemy more deserving of attack than the liquor interest. That he will meet with strong opposition within his own party I have no doubt. The open saloon is strongly entrenched both politically and financially, and are prepared to fight every inch of ground for the continued privilege of debauching American manhood. In my humble opinion I believe we will see in the next four years the greatest battle ever waged in the political arena. Mr. Bryan can look back across the years and find a great deal of satisfaction in seeing many progressive measures which he has advocated crystalized into law, but his greatest triumph is yet to come. To be the leader in the cause to make the nation dry will be the crowning achievement of his illustrious career.

W. H. Rhodes, Neb.—I desire to assist Mr. Bryan in his fight to have the dry forces secure control of the democratic party. I know of no better plan than to put The Commoner into the hands of the democrats of the state.

Dr. Geo. Ellis, Ala.—Allow me to congratulate you for your bold championship of nationwide prohibition through the democratic party. I believe you will win just as you have won in so many great reform movements.

J. M. Mounger, Tex.—Enclosed please find money order to the amount of \$4.20 for the dear old Commoner, which I have been reading since the first copy of volume 1. I have taken many subscriptions for this valuable paper as your files of back date will show. Never made a penny of money off it yet. I have lots of good friends over the country that I have sent subscriptions for in the place of making a profit in money I am satisfied in taking the subscriptions only for the purpose of building up dry democracy. I will send you the list of six new subscribers, and I want my own subscription extended for another 12 months. Here's for the best wishes for national prohibition and woman's suffrage, with a great hope and wish that W. J. Bryan will have to be very much considered in the next democratic national convention.

Guy Johnson, Utah.—Having always been an enthusiastic supporter of Mr. W. J. Bryan, I certainly heartily approve of the big work he is now undertaking. The success of our Utah Bryan spoke at Ogden. It grew by leaps and bounds every day afterwards, and his prohibition talk was a feature of the campaign.

T. J. Harvey, Ill.—As to my views on Mr. W. J. Bryan's temperance plan, I think he is doing a great thing for the American people. I also hope he will get his plank in the next democratic platform in 1920. The democrats in Shilo township favor Mr. Bryan's temperance move. I have talked to most of them and I haven't heard one against it.

H. A. Hornlein, Calif.—Having been a subscriber for The Commoner from the first issue, I find great satisfaction in seeing it grow both in strength and usefulness. The last presidential election shows very conclusively, to the minds without prejudice, that the Hon. W. J. Bryan saved again the democratic party.