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Charles E. Vickers, Kirkwood, Mo.—I am enclosing a list of ten subscriptions, two of which are renewals. I hope this will be satisfactory. I regret that I am so closely confined with my work that I don't have much chance to devote time to the cause of spreading your doctrine, but I want to say that I am still as enthusiastic as ever over your stand on the various questions and am sorry that all democrats are not of one quality. It is much to be regretted that we can not unite and fight as one man. I find some who call themselves democrats who are finding fault with you because of your active participation in the questions at issue, but I am glad to say I am not one of them. I send herewith my check for the sum \$6. I hope for an ever increasing number in your list of subscribers.

Robert E. Truax, Shady Side, O.—You may expect me to do all that is in my power for the success of your paper. It was through me that the first club was sent in. Will try and get you one of the largest clubs that was ever gotten up here.

L. J. Silverthorn, Berlin, Wis.—Please find \$1 enclosed, which kindly place to my credit for The Commoner. We can not get along without your most valuable paper, which has been almost a constant visitor to our home since its first issue. I may also add: If this country goes into the hands of the money power, which now seems so certain, the people can never complain that they have not been faithfully warned by a good friend, and faithful leader. It is my candid opinion that unless the people shall immediately arise and diligently exercise the rights given them under our poor dying constitution, this boasted land of the free will soon pass into the hands of its enemies. If anyone may doubt this, let him but compare the rapid strides made in that direction by our unfaithful servants and those in whose hands are the keeping of the peoples' future weal, or let him compare the loyal services of our early servants to those of today as shown by the attitude of our present speaker of the house, or that man of mythical renown, that man who would like to set up a monarchical government, based upon the self-inflated and unknown quantity called "my policies." I am one who has always admired the policies of that party which elected Abraham Lincoln, the man for whom I cast my first vote, the man who believed in a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. But, my dear sir, it seems that the party representing the issues of that day has long since gone to the junk heap and today has no existence other than that of a disgraced name. I have now voted for you, Mr. Bryan, three times and if I may have the opportunity, I should certainly vote for you again, but, as I am sorry to say, it is doubtful if the people shall ever again rule. However, I have always admired the man, who would rather "die in his boots" than surrender to a principle of wrong. Let us keep the banner flying while still trusting in Him in whose hands are the keeping and destinies of all nations. He will surely give to His faithful ones, those who would rather be right than president, that welcome plaudit "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou in."

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Rhodes I. Gregory, Canton, O.—I enclose you \$6 for which send The Commoner to the within named ten subscribers. I have been a great admirer of Mr. Bryan ever since he entered politics. Three times I voted for him for the highest office in the gift of the American people. I supported him with a firm belief that he was an honest, honorable and conscientious man who was sincerely laboring for the uplifting of human rights. I now take this occasion to renew my faith in him, especially since he has taken to task the men that betrayed us in the last congress. It gave me extra inspiration to solicit and procure the names of the ten subscribers to The Commoner. We should not regard the procuring of new subscribers as aiding Mr. Bryan or The Commoner financially, since the services of both Mr. Bryan and The Commoner are dedicated to the best interests of all the American people. It is through The Commoner that the real gospel of truth, the inside workings of the American government is heralded to a misrepresented people. I never could reconcile myself to the belief that there are good and bad trusts. In my judgment all trusts are bad and I am old-fashioned enough to believe it good policy to see the way the trusts are going to vote and then vote on the other side. It gives me much comfort to know that when I cast my vote for Mr. Bryan, I supported the candidate opposed by every trust in the United States. The man that cast his vote for Mr. Taft supported the candidate endorsed by every trust in the United States. Why did every trust support Mr. Taft? Was it because the trusts held a deep interest in the welfare of the common people or was it to replenish their pockets at the expense of the common people per agreement with the candidate? Don't you think we should be interested enough in the next three years to try to figure out this proposition to a certainty? I am in full accord with Mr. Bryan's platform for this year's congressional fight. We can win on it. Why? Because it is right. How? By every loyal democrat putting his shoulder to the wheel now and helping to increase the circulation of The Commoner. Let us help to put The Commoner in the hands of more democrats, in the homes of more republicans. The more circulation the more democrats, and the more democrats the more hopes of redeeming this country from the hands of the trusts. I herewith send in my order for another subscription blank for ten new subscribers. Will every other reader of The Commoner do likewise? Come now, get in the harness. Let us say to Mr. Bryan, we don't intend that you shall take all the honors of doing this educational work. To the fellow who fears that Bryan's course will split the democratic party, say to him: "Have no fear, the six and one-half million democrats—real democrats—that have supported Mr. Bryan in season and out of season, will stay with him in the future and those, and those only, who pretend to be democrats who never voted for Mr. Bryan will be left behind and be compelled to do their work in the open in the future." Coats off, sleeves up, hand in hand, shoulder to shoulder, heart to heart, let us keep up the great fight for human progress. I have an earnest desire that The Commoner may reach the homes of a million new subscribers within the next thirty days.

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