Letters from Commoner Readers on Mr. Bryan’s Resignation

Edward P. Hughes, Wheeling, W. Va.: William J. Bryan once said in a speech, "I am for the idealism which is so necessary in the same direction that the people are going in only a little while ago." The idealism stands for him, because he is going in the same direction that the people are going, and he is not far ahound. I see no reason why I should desert Mr. Bryan now. I have always voted for Mr. Bryan, Wilson, and was among the first to advocate his candidacy in West Virginia. I am willing to stand on a statement made by the president at a gathering of nativistic American citizens in Philadelphia a few days after the sinking of the Lusitania. "There is such a thing as a man being too proud to lose his life, and that is such a thing as being so proud to lose him that we need not convince others by force that he is proud." It is my fervent prayer that the administration will not be drawn into the war.

Herbert E. Waters, St. John, Kanas. I have been an admirer and supporter of Wm. J. Bryan since 1896, when he was elected to Congress, in a primary election. In every public speech that has come to my knowledge he has stood for the principles that I am holding today that he has resigned his cabinet position, and I am glad that he is the author of the "Prince of Peace." I have always cast my lot as a citizen of the greatest country that has ever been and I am in full accord with the doctrine he has done so much to promulgate to the whole world.

R. B. Mosher, Falconer, N.Y.: Mr. Bryan is a great man and is doing many good things, but none equal to his月至 April 15, 1916, I wrote you as follows: "Please discontinue sending me your Commoner. I have received the Commoner you sent me as your list will show. I have been a staunch supporter and have held to him in the past and feel I will continue reading of your magazine—indeed it seems entirely unnecessary to state wherein I feel the Commoner is of interest and instructive to state that when a supporter like him, whose name is written on your ranks there are very many over our broad land who are doing likewise. The information that comes from the high office of secretary of state and Mr. Bryan is ever so much more from the mist has cleared. I believe that this is the proudest and a majority of our country who hesitate to rally to the cause because of the administration. By all means let’s have the Commoner, yours for peace and neutrality— it’s worth the effort.

O. B. Menees, Canon, Ga.: I wish to congratulate you on your good work with the German government. I am sure you are right in saying that the president does not realize the importance of the situation in a movement for world peace, it does not seem that there should be a delay in extending the war to the president’s control, for by man-made methods the world will be brought to an end, in the world, and men have failed by their methods. Therefore we cannot forgive them if our president fails. The president has no right to submit the doctrine to the people, in the same way I am a, etc.

Richard Guyler, Naco, Arizona: Enclosed please find my check for $1.00, for one year’s subscription to the Commoner. Since the resignation of Mr. Bryan, I have always cherished the hope of Mr. Bryan, a weekly again—and tell the insiders. If it’s "The Cleveland Trap" is the way we want to know and know now.

Henry H. Wilson, Beaver, Pa.: Enclosed find check for $1.00 for which please accept my subscription to the Commoner. Bryan is right. The democrats are crazy. Let Mr. Bryan stand up to our necessary action a few days ago, the subscription list of the Commoner should increase by the thousands and thousands.

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John Hetrick, New Kingston, Pa.: Bryan is to be congratulated the way he took relative to the German affairs.

R. L. Mac Gugin, Washington, Ia.: Enclosed hand you herewith one dollar for subscription to the Commoner and would ask that you include last month’s issue. Accept my congratulations for the stand the president has taken in your recent and sincere attempt to keep this country out of the present war. You have displayed to the world the highest type of an American man and you are a greater political power than you have ever been knows. The American people will make the greatest force in the United States now and vision in the machinations of the political powers and your action toward them will bring you a greater number of followers before the close of the next campaign. Your Iowa friends are still behind you good and strong and desirous during your paper talk. Trust that your health will stand up and you will lead to 1916 the greatest campaign that has ever been recorded in political history and be most popular with personal regards for your success, I am, etc.

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Harvey Burda, Ashbury Park, N. J.: Tell W. J. Bryan to go to them; we are still with him.

L. W. Pinley, Norwood, Ohio: Success to the Commoner. Bryan is right, for the arm and steadiness to the brain of the alleged liar. It has been written, and it is the great and lasting peace of the United States that is helping to carry it forward. If two men want to fight a duel and a third party takes away the weapons, there can be no doubt. I send you a list of the position of the third party if we will act. Wishing you success in your endeavor to save the world, I am, etc.

G. J. Muntad, Sherbrooke, N. D.: Please enter my name for subscription to the Commoner for one year, do not take off his hat for Mr. Bryan, because—he has been an ardent advocate for substituting international controversies to courts of arbitration for settlement. (War is the only way in which to keep his country out of the war.) Bryan has recently used strong arm methods to gain his end. He has the backbone to fight the president, but the only way the president under whom he holds his seat can stop the president and his followers are right. I wish him good health and long life. He has done many good things. I am a member of Bryan’s secret society to keep the United States out of war, and I believe we can do even more as a private citizen. The memory of William Jennings Bryan will be cherished by our posterity when the militarists are forgotten or despised.

Wm. E. Isley, Newton, Ill.: Enclosed find check for one dollar in payment of one year’s subscription to the Commoner. You may credit this check to me and add to the list of subscribers at your office, enclosed please find my check for payment of the amount of Mr. Bryan in the present international crisis.

A. B. Russell, Sheffield, Pa.: I read the first issue of the Commoner, and I feel that our great man W. J. Bryan had resigned from the cabinet. I certainly am sure for our country (I) love the counsel of such a man, but I feel in the army of three that will stand for a principle. I certainly feel more of the old-fashioned man in his greatness. I only wish I could have been a member of the Commoner, and I have the feeling of personal high regard for him. My wish is more strength and power and voice which silences the cannon.

W. W. Young, Liberty Center, Ohio: Find enclosed P. O. order $1.00.