

My dear Sir:

Your letter with enclosure and suggestions received. From both, thanks.

I hardly know how to give my idea of the letter in a letter. I may almost be said to be superstitious in regard to the U.C.R.A. It began so strongly and has kept on growing so steadily that I am very loath to interfere with the method which has yielded such results. Besides that, I am always doubtful about building from the top down. Thus far this is purely a people's movement. There has been no particle of personal or partisan influence brought to support it except that of one man upon his neighbor. The members have done all the soliciting. I think the conscientiousness of this individual responsibility has brought them nearer and made them feel more interest in it. For this reason, I have said nothing about Governors, Senators and State officers who have joined. Their names are on the roll but it seems to me that to publish them would be undesirable at this time. Thus far, we have awakened no hostility. The Demos are afraid to attack the association from fear of investigating it. If we should publish the names of a few leading Reps. they would raise the cry of "Bloody-shirt" which would scare just about 1/3 of the Republicans into fits.

- 1 - The sentiment is widespread and earnest.
- 2 - If the machinery for extension is provided and put on the hands of these members they will do the work and do it better and more surely than it can be done by a "boomer."
- 3 - When the time comes for a "boom" as it will before long, there will be too many already pledged to fear the "bloody-shirt."
- 4 - Then we can hold meetings and nobody be afraid he will be the only one there to attend.
- 5 - The wide extent of this voluntary movement convinces me that if fairly provided with funds 1,000,000. are easily possible by July.

This means an immense force morally and politically. All parties will treat such a mass of convictions with respect and the South will begin to see that the new slavery is not to go unopposed, as long as the old one led. I do not say it will prevent bloodshed. I doubt if that is possible. I should not wonder if some of our members in the South were killed within a month. But it will make the slaughter infinitely less I do believe.

We are now about 20,000, and have  
out about as many applications. The member-  
ship is scattered in every state and territory  
except one. Almost every member is a  
nuclear. Nearly 100 countries are organized  
with Advisory Committees, to direct the work  
in them.

Now, what has done this? Certainly, I  
have not. Most of the time since it started, I  
have been. Until last week I had hardly heard  
it mentioned during a month of the Grippe  
"with variations". Mrs. Louie and a young lady  
she employs, have done the work. Her assistant  
she pays \$5 a week. Her own services were

gratis. The whole amount of money received  
except postage for return of certificates  
has been \$177. Of this \$126. have been paid for  
stationery and printing, \$30 for labor; the remainder,  
\$21 is in hand. Did you ever know so much to  
come out of so little means and opportunity?

Remember all been voluntary: no individual  
has been solicited to give: ~~no one~~ only one  
man has given more than \$5 and the <sup>who</sup> number  
of contributors has been 96.

From these facts I derive the following  
conclusions:

As for myself, I wonder more and more every day, that I ever started this movement. If all the men in the world, I am least able to give it either time or labor. I have determined to stay with it, however, until it is able to go alone, or until some one able to give his time ~~and having means~~ shall be able to fund to us in its direction.

Just now I am furnishing the manuscript of a pamphlet of about \$10,000 words of which the Editor-Cum is to print 20,000 copies for us.

I would be glad to have Mr. Ware - a number interested in the Association. I would be glad to have ~~him or some other~~ if God would move him or ~~you~~ some other good man to furnish us some funds to extend the work. I think with \$10,000, we could secure 100,000 members, who would bring in a many more.

I think \$10,000 would bring us at least

1,000,000, and would save the Republic  
from party from defeat. Now, that Hill has  
fixed New York, this is the only thing that  
will give them a chance. If it is within ~~the~~  
~~purpose~~ within the ~~book of~~ purpose of God  
that this evil shall be remedied in this  
summer, I think the measures will be pro-  
vided: if the agreement needs to be written  
in blood before the American people will  
admit its force, I suppose there is little need  
for it. At all events

Yours respectfully

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