Correspondence

Guelph, Ont.

Editor of Forward,

Dear Comrade : —

Will you permit me a little space in your paper to express to our comrades and fellow-workers my reasons for affiliation with the new Labor Party.

Fellow workers and comrades, while at this present time the dust is blown about our faces and automobile go gliding by, we can scarcely shake off the thought of the approaching winter and the thought spans back to those cold biting days of last January when the frost was penetrating into our toes while we were in our trundle beds, when we would arise in the morning to dress in the cold, eat in the cold, go to the sweat shop in the cold, work in the cold and our hopes of the co-operative commonwealth would nearly freeze in our hearts with the approaching thought of when will this ghastly war end, and "Peace, perfect Peace", reign supreme.

Now class- conscious socialists do know that if ever we are to attain the co-operative commonwealth we must first of all know what we want. and then we must have our fellow-workers wanting exactly the same thing and still others and then some more; and then, and not until enough are wanting can we achieve our ends.

I can see clearly the obstacle that are in our path. I can see that we have a task before us, but one that will fill us with pleasure and win us many converts to socialism.

To get our fellow-workers assembled and in good comradeship united is no job for slackers if we are ever to arrive at the land of Freedom and Democracy.

If I know anything of psychology then I can surely predict that the affiliation with the new Labor Party is going to burn up and light this Dominion of Canada with a flame of discontent that no brass band of Capitalism will smoother or extinguish.

Comrades the world is afire with revolution, the biological law of self preservation is manifesting its existence among the capitalists on the one hand and labour on the other. The seperation of the chaff from the wheat is in full progress. I am with Labor.—Labor will win, which side are you on? The capitalists are using every means at their disposal to unite their class under the soul sturing terms "Democracy, etc.

If any worker in factory, mill or farm thinks that this war is going to stop and let him catch hold where we left off in August 1914, then he will better go to some phrenologist fertile egg put under a setting hen and have his skull examined. August 4th, 1914 has gone and all its accessories forever, while it is true we are sliding down the social scale at a terrific rate of speed economically, socially and psychologically; it is only natural that it will happen so. A will at one stage of development show signs of decomposing but will change its embryo into a well formed chick, and at the end of twenty one days a well matured chick will appear upon the scene.

Then let us be up and doing, agitating and organizing the working class for the social ownership of the factories, mills, mines, railroads and industries, to manufacture for use and not for profit; the right to work and the full social value of what our Labour power produces.

Yours for socialism,

Edward G. Hill.

A CALL TO WOMEN.

Will you stand with me at the portal now,
As the Dawn oe'r spreads the sky
For light, and for love and for liberty
Prepared for your faith to die ?
Will you stand with me neath the Standard White
That gathers beneath its shade
The men and women of every realm
In God's own image made ?

Will you stand with me, though the tempests lower ?
We shall hear the "Peace be still"
Of the Loving One who was done to death
On the brow of a cursed hill.
We may bear like Him the cruel scorn
Of a blood-mad angry crowd
Will you stand with me for Humanity
While the war-cry rages loud ?

Will you stand with me for the babes unborn ?
I plead from my breaking heart,
Our boys are crushed neath the Juggernaut
In anguish we bear our part —
Shall we rise from our grief with our faces calm
To build a sad world a new ?
Will you stand with me for a world at peace ?
My sisters, I call to you.

Will you stand with me neath the Flag of Hope
Emblazoned with Love and Joy ?
Will you stand with me, though your heart be torn
For your loved and dying boy ?
Will you stand with me. Must I stand alone
While the battle rages high,
Oh : come to the help of a war-torn world
Prepared for the Truth to die.

GERTRUDE RICHARDSON.

Note : — . . . . . .

A petition is being prepared to be presented to the Imperial Parliament by women desiring to go to prison as substitutes for conscientious objectors.

Many Canadian boys are now in prison in England.

Will any desiring to sign petition please write to me at once.

GERTRUDE RICHARDSON
The Women's Crusade.

Swan River, Man.

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activity in the Organization. There are about 199,900 taken the figures of the prosecution, still active. The Organization has weathered many storms. It is for you to determine how this blow will affect it.

The next case in line is the Wichita indictment. The Fellow Workers there are entitled to the best possible legal defense that can be procured. We realize that a great strain has been put upon our membership and sympathizers in raising funds for the defense, yet we must not forget the sacrifice of their liberty they are now making is a sacrifice for the workers, and we believe nothing will be left undone for all Fellow Workers in jails from coast to coast.

The following message to all Fellow Workers comes from Cook County Jail : "Hold the Fort We, who who are on the inside are cheerful and have nothing to regret. We look to and expect of every member of the I.W.W. out of jail a continued fidelity to the principles of Industrial unionism as set forth in the Preamble. This is but the birth of Industrial Democracy."

A. S. Embree is now Acting Secretary-Treasurer of the General Defense Committee with the Secretaries of the International Unions acting in an advisory capacity. Offices at 1001 W. Madison Street, Chicago. All remittances and correspondence should be addressed to him.

Yours for Industrial Democracy,
A. S. EMBREE.
Acting Secretary General
Defense Committee.

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GEORGE LANSBURY

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