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Dear Friends:

Happy New Year!

And an entirely new year it will be—the books have finally arrived, and the new year that these will begin the world over will show that not alone a new foundation has been laid but the foundation is, in a very great way, the building itself, the organization, the movement.

Because we are anxious that our friends finally have them at least singly, we are hurrying them out although this is New Year's Eve and a party in process. In itself that contrasts to the inefficiency of the bourgeoisie who had the book printed in Connecticut, although the publisher is in NY, and then bound in Vermont, after which it took nearly a month to get here! Only yesterday we finally got the following telegram "Shipment astray in Sappawatus, N.J." of all places. Then we found that they had been there on the 26th but were in Detroit on the 31st, but this being the day of New Year's eve, they would not be delivered, etc.etc.—so we rushed them and delivered them to ourselves. However, because of the hour and the day—12/31 at 8:45 p.m.—we are mailing only one copy per couple. Thursday 100 copies will be sent and then each member is to be given an individual one for himself and herself. That will complete all that is due the friends on the basis of principles established when the \$100 and \$200 were paid to pay the printer.

In a word, after this every single copy, 1) must be paid for, 2) must be paid at least \$5—absolutely no \$.20s. and \$1s. should be collected in all cases where possible—that is to say from all except workers, 3) every week the organizer and one REB member who will be the only custodians of the books and thus the collector of the money is to send that money into the author. THIS IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE SINCE THE PRINTER WILL HAVE TO BE PAID WITHIN 30 days or January 30th.

West Virginia has come up to celebrate New Year's with us and join us in wishing you all a happy new year and feeling with us that a new epoch has dawned.

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