

THE NEW CHARTER

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Dear Comrade

Overwork has prevented me from getting the constitution and By-Laws into type-written form before this. The Association adopted all of the suggestions of National Committee except one, and that in part. In reference to membership we make it, "one year a member in good standing, or three years known as a class conscious Socialist." The Association desires me to write you that local conditions are somewhat different here ~~are~~ from what they are in New York. Most of our Socialists have been here only a few years, and have been personally known to each other only for a short time. Yet there are many here that we have known as Socialists through the Socialist

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press, and others, are wanted for by them.
We have been very careful to take in
only thought Socialists here, and those who
are scattered though the state will have
no vote or no proxies are allowed. We
feel that the constitution is very carefully guarded,
the party's interests, and you may know that
we are very strict when no one in the asso-
ciation has been found to bring in the name of
a member of the state committee who opposes Trades
unions, but who has manifested a desire to join.
The Association is composed of the straightest
Socialists here.

There is a better feeling amongst the Branches
here than there has ever been before.
On the New Charles Association there are mem-
bers from the American, Jewish, German, Liberty
and Columbian branches, and from sections
Oakland & Berkeley, and the S J & L A
The first five and last one are represented on
board of Directors. In the Metropolitan Jewish
Mass meeting the Branches were all united.
In the proposition to have a benefit for new Chartes

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in September, the spirit developed to have a joint celebration for New Charter and Tageblatt, and hereafter to look for the help of both papers and all branches for the sake of the general cause, our state organizer, who is a terrible disorganizer manifests an inclination to join Debr. We hope he will. A great Debr. I have known him several years. Will it be worth while for me personally to try and get him on the right track? I might be able to do it.

Comrade Petersen read me the letter regarding the money for the daily People from the Comm. Celebration. I went at once to Comrade Oliver Everett, and he said he sent the money (\$12.65) by bank check, and would get the check for me in a day or two. Comrade Petersen has a file of the People and on the Fourth day issue of April is under the head of "Daily People

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fund." the American Branch San Francisco
is credited with \$1265. It should have
been "Section San Francisco" as the American
Branch held no common celebration. So that
is stricken out.

Will you kindly send me the names of I L P
sections that have been organized since
~~you last~~ January 1st 1897? I desire
to write an article showing the growth of
the movement. Is it not true that sections
have been organized faster since Deh now start-
ed?

I am sorry to trouble you with such a long
letter.

Fraternally
M W Wilkin