

## **A Personal Note (December 31, 1910)**

To Our Friends and Comrades:—

Fred D. Warren having been relieved of his official duties by Judge Pollock, by authority of the power in him vested by the “rich malefactors,” under whose beneficent rule the *Appeal* has become the object of special solicitude, I have come to Girard to take his place (not to fill it — he alone can do that).<sup>1</sup> With a very efficient staff of writers and a most faithful corps of workers in every department of the paper, my task will be as easy as it is agreeable.

Comrade Warren, it is due him to say, demurs to what is being printed in the *Appeal* in reference to himself, but as he has been judicially shorn of his editorial authority, it is to be understood that he is in no wise responsible for what now appears in these columns. I shall be wholly to blame for what is printed during the next six months and I shall be entirely satisfied if at the expiration of that time Warren and I again exchange places.

Earnestly entreating all our friends to unite with us in the undertaking the *Appeal* back to Comrade Warren with a million subscribers to hail his return to Girard,<sup>2</sup> I remain

Faithfully your servant,

***Eugene V. Debs.***

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<sup>1</sup> Announcement was made in the issue of December 17, 1910 that Debs would be returning to Girard shortly from a few weeks’ rest in Terre Haute to assume editorship of the *Appeal to Reason* during the jailing of editor Fred D. Warren. The issue dated December 31, 1910, seems to have been the first issue edited by Debs.

<sup>2</sup> The December 31, 1910 issue of the *Appeal* listed a total of 464,115 subscribers for the week. Thus, Debs was cheering for a doubling of the *Appeal*’s subscriber count over the next six months.