
**Letter to the Editor of *Locomotive
Firemen's Monthly Magazine*
in Dayton, Ohio,
from Eugene V. Debs
in Terre Haute, Indiana**

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Editor, B of LF Magazine:—

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of the first issue of the *Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen's Magazine*. Its pages were eagerly read, and I can assure you that we are justly proud of having such an intelligent sheet at our command, in which we have the privilege of exchanging thoughts and ideas. We can now truly say that another triumph has been effected, and that success is inscribed upon the banner of our Brotherhood. Though our Order is not yet fully developed, its cause has established a reputation, which every member is determined to maintain. Each day we are increasing in numbers, and ere long we will claim every dutiful locomotive fireman a member of our beloved Order.

In support to this, I might point you to our own Lodge. But two years ago, we were organized with 20 charter members, and, for a number of months, found it difficult to follow in the path marked out by our faithful Grand Officers. Today we can count 45 members *tried* and *true*. Other Lodges have increased accordingly, and those who at first frowned upon our efforts are now willing to be one of us. Much credit is due to our Grand Secretary and Treasurer [William N. Sayre], for the untiring labor which he so willingly bestows in advancing a cause for locomotive firemen, whose motto is Benevolence, Sobriety, and Industry.

Very Respectfully,

E.V.D.

Vigo Lodge, No. 16

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