

PROSPECTUS OF THE REFLECTOR.

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The REFLECTOR is the title of a new magazine to be published semi-monthly in the cause of truth and humanity; to be devoted to Religion, Education, Current News, Politics, the Arts and Sciences, History and Biography.

Having long since become convinced that the necessities of the masses of our people should be met and supplied in a more direct manner than they had been, I conceived the idea of publishing a serial, in magazine form, that should furnish a portion, at least, of the supplies needed.

The conception of this idea led to observations that resulted in the device of a plan, which, when sufficiently matured, I ventured to divulge to a number of earnest friends, from whom it has met with a most cordial approval. Among those to whom my design, and proposed method of execution, have been presented, and from whom I have received the most encouraging assurances of success, are several whose judgment is unquestionably good, and whose active experience in the publishing line gives a weight to their opinion that renders their encouragements more than doubly encouraging.

The effective aid of an able corps of regular contributors, many of whom are well and favorably known, will secure to the readers of the REFLECTOR a fund of information that can not fail to be both instructive and entertaining.

The circumstances connected with the history of many of those for whom the proposed magazine is more especially intended, have not been of the most favorable kind. Its pages will probably be read by many whose educational advantages have been very limited; for such it will contain much that will be instructive in the elementary portion of its Educational Department. It is designed to render the magazine a desirable companion to those who are thirsting after knowledge;—to make it useful. To accomplish this, the best talent available will be employed to make it a preceptor to the novice, and an efficient aid to the student whose limited means may render an academical or collegiate course of instruction impracticable.

How few there are that have anything like a correct idea of the faith, the tenets held by the partizans of the diverse religious systems of the present age. It is intended to furnish the readers of the REFLECTOR with as complete a history of the rise, progress, articles of faith, mode of church government, number of votaries, and other matters of interest pertaining to each and every denomination, as can be obtained from authentic sources. When obtainable, preference will be given to articles written by official members of the denominations represented. When-

ever it shall appear necessary, in order to distinguish between factions of religious bodies bearing the same or a similar name, or between an original sect and dissenters from it, to set forth facts that may reflect censurably on the faith or discipline of another denomination, there will be no objection urged against the publication of those facts; but the right to reject articles abounding in personalities will be reserved by the editor.

A history of the rise and progress of the Great Latter Day Work, in connection with an elucidation of "the faith, once delivered to the Saints," and still held by them, will constitute a distinguishing characteristic of the magazine.

A summary of the current news of the day will be given, in each number, and the more important events will be chronicled as faithfully as they may be reported.

The leading political movements of the most prominent politicians will be recorded; the news, platform, arguments, and progress of each political faction will be published, as accredited to the acknowledged leader of such party.

In politics, the magazine will be what its title indicates, a reflector, rather than an advocate.

The "lamb of the flock" will not be forgotten. The Children's Department will be under the supervision of one who loves the little ones, and who will make it an especial care to not only provide for them such mental food as will tend to give them mind—solidity; but will endeavor to have it served up with such taste as shall make it attractive.

Agriculture, Horticulture and Floriculture will each have their appropriate place assigned them in the REFLECTOR.

There is an increasing interest manifested in Choral Music, not only in the numerical increase of church choirs, but also in the home circle. There are but few families in which the Piano, Cabinet Organ, Melodeon, Seraphine, or some other musical instrument is not heard; and to contribute its quota to meet the demand created by this growth of interest, the REFLECTOR will devote a portion of its space in each number to music and song.

The body of the magazine will be printed in long primer type, (type of the same size as that on which this prospectus is printed), and each number will contain sixteen three column Royal Quarto pages of reading matter.

It is designed, ultimately, and as soon as the support which may be given to the magazine shall justify it being done, to increase the number of its pages. The same proportions in length and width will be maintained throughout, so that uniformity in binding may be secured.

It is expected that the first number of the REFLECTOR will be pub-

lished for delivery by the 1st of September next, and will be issued fortnightly, thereafter. It will be printed on good paper, at the *Herald* Office, Plano, Ill., and no pains will be spared to have it present as clean a face, and as respectable an appearance as can be desired. It will be printed with new type, new power press, and with good materials and competent workmen, it is designed and expected to become a welcome and suitable visitant at the homes of the thousands who thirst after knowledge; but who have neither the time nor the means necessary to bestow for its attainment in ordinary channels.

The design of the magazine is to place within the reach of all, in an interesting manner, and at but a trivial sum, the rudiments of education; an epitome of ancient and modern history; a faithful summary of transpiring events; a condensed history of all religions claiming affiliation with the beautiful system established by Jesus of Nazareth; a record of the developments of science, and a register of the progress of the arts.

Though not the organ of any sect, the REFLECTOR will be an open and avowed advocate and defender of the faith as taught in the churches of the saints, both of ancient and of modern times. It will admit an exposition of the theories of all differing with it, its editor believing that truth is too firmly based to be injured by a fair and open contrast with its opposite; but no litigious and defamatory article will be admitted into its columns.

Each number of the REFLECTOR will be stitched in a tastefully embellished paper cover, and advertisements will be received for insertion on covers or fly-leaves, which, being removed when bound, will not interfere with the reading matter; but on the contrary, preserve it clear for binding purposes. Advertisements of all that is useful and instructive, or that tends to the refinement and elevation of mankind, solicited. Terms reasonable, and made known on application.

Church Book Agents are hereby authorized as Agents of the REFLECTOR. Where there are no duly appointed agents, Presiding Elders are respectfully requested to act as such. For every ten subscribers, names forwarded by one person as Agent, and magazines all sent to one address, an extra copy will be sent gratis.

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