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In assuming the control of THE CHRISTIAN REPORTER, the present publishers hope that the knowledge gained during the past year in regard to the wants and wishes of those for whom the journal is intended will enable them to make it increasingly useful.

The aim will be to publish a journal thoroughly impartial and unsectarian, which shall serve as a medium for the best thought of Christian thinkers, and as a record of the varied labors of Christians regardless of denominational distinctions. The sphere THE REPORTER aims to fill is one that is not occupied by the denominational journals on the one hand, or the secular newspapers on the other, and for this reason it has special claims on the support of Christians generally.

As evidence that the field for THE REPORTER is very extensive, we may mention the following societies and institutions, to whose interests we shall give special attention during the year:—Young Men's Christian Association, Young Women's Christian Association, Canadian Evangelization Society, Hospital for Sick Children, Home for Incurables, Ladies' Mission and Relief Committee, Evangelical Alliance, Toronto Ministerial Association, The Prohibitory League for the total suppression of the Liquor Traffic, Protestant Orphan's Home, House of Industry, News-boys' Lodgings, Boys' Home, Girls' Home, Infants' Home and Infirmary, The "Haven," and Prison Gate Mission; Prisoners' Aid Association in connection with the Andrew Mercer Reformatory, Central Prison and Gaol; Conference of City Charities.

In addition to these, there are organizations in the other cities and the larger towns of Canada, a record of whose work would be suggestive and valuable to those who are similarly engaged. We shall secure frequent reports from all such, in other countries as well as our own, where we have not already done so, and these, we trust, will make THE REPORTER a valued and welcome visitor to those who desire to learn the best and most practical method of conducting Christian work.

We shall be able to command the services of reporters as occasion requires, and furnish PRONOUNCING REPORTS of Lectures, Addresses, Experiences, etc., such as will be profitable to our readers. The International Sunday School Convention will meet in Toronto in June of this year, and we propose to publish full reports of the proceedings of that important assembly.

The increasing boldness of Infidelity demands attention from Christians of all creeds and classes, and we shall secure and furnish articles, addresses, lectures, etc., bearing on the latest phases of skepticism.

In short, our aim will be to publish a journal which shall inspire Christians to greater devotion in the service of our common Master, which shall aid them in choosing that work in which they may render

most acceptable service, and which shall furnish them with the methods of doing that work, as tested and recommended by prominent Christian workers.

As a medium of communication between those societies and institutions which depend for their support, humanly speaking upon the financial and practical co-operation of Christians in general, and the Christian public, we trust THE REPORTER may be made increasingly useful as the work and wants of the organizations are made known. We shall always be happy to receive contributions and forward them as directed by the donors.

While THE REPORTER will be read chiefly by Christians, it is hoped that the illustrations, biographies, reports, addresses, &c., which it will contain, will make the publication one of interest also to the unsaved, many of whom, it is hoped, it may reach on its mission of mercy.

With this view we shall publish Gospel Stories, accompanied, when practicable, with illustrations, and will make special rates for copies for gratuitous distribution in Hospitals, Prisons, the Reading Rooms of charitable institutions, and the homes of the poor. THE REPORTER will be specially adapted for such distribution, being neat, compact, and permanent in form, while the evangelical character of its articles will secure the distributor from any charge of proselytizing, such as might be made in the case of denominational newspapers.

The special dangers that beset young men and women coming to our cities will be exposed in the columns of THE REPORTER, not in a general way simply, but in detail, and where institutions are found whose object is to deceive the young and lead them astray, they will be made known, in order that Christian parents and guardians may be able to have an intelligent watch-care of those under their charge.

The publication of THE CHRISTIAN REPORTER is a labor of love on the part of the Publishers, as well as of the Editor and Contributors; and we therefore more boldly urge its claims on fellow-Christians, believing it will help them to greater usefulness in the service of our Lord and Master. The journal can be increased in size, interest, and value, just in proportion to the extent of encouragement received from our friends.

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