

man, I. Slide, M. Crow, S. Drake, G. Walkup, besides sisters M. A. H. and M. A. W. as helpers on a liberal scale. May we ask their countenance and assistance for 1855?

Looking toward Ohio we see A. S. Hayden, G. Pow, A. B. Green, W. Lamphear who have done something to help us with our paper.

In Illinois, friends Richards and L. J. Correl have been true co-operants. They will be with us, we doubt not, till death do us part.

Wisconsin—far west—even there the periodical has friends; we place brother Jones at the head of them. And Iowa, our old friends Roberts and Honsberger will give us a name or two as they have opportunity.

Eastward, can we reckon upon Elder Berry and Elder Pepper of good old Massachusetts?—and our friend Wilmarth, of Rhode Island?—and likewise friend Dunphy who breathes the healthy air of Maine?

But there is a brace of Christian sisters whose initials ought to be given here; the one of New York and the other of Massachusetts, M. S. and J. S. Yes, sisters, we will not forget your past kindness and help in our behalf, nor shall we despise any future efforts of yours for the Christian Banner.

And what may be done by our recent but very zealous and noble friend J. A. Butler, of Okolona, Mississippi, and B. F. Manier, of the same State, would be illiberal to calculate, for they do not set bounds to their own liberal doings. Brethren! Sisters! we will welcome your continued aid in furtherance of the truth by the press.

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Who is the tale-bearer in community? Is it the well educated and well informed? It is scarce'y necessary to answer this question. The individual who has been careful in the culture of his mind, or who is still desirous of self improvement, either by good books or good society, will have very little time to circulate tales of gossip or of slander. The tale bearer is the person with a mind scantily furnished, a heart not correctly balanced and a temper not properly controlled. How often we hear persons making pretensions to high mindedness intelligence and refinement, efface some remark unfavorable to another, or of something it would not do well to repeat with 'Now don't mention it will you?' They say they can't believe it; but they will use their influence to bear up a false report and pass it on. Think how many reputations have been lost by surmise—and how many hearts are bled by a whisper. Yet you will pass the slander along when you might sink it forever.

Then we discover a fault in another. It would be far better for us,