

holds a position. The whole trend of one's life and the daily touch of one's work are directly out of keeping with the conditions which should attend the management of an historical magazine, and though a man might feel sufficiently versatile to undertake to succeed in the two spheres at the same time; the result would show that in one or the other—and probably in both—he would make a failure.

While the announcement was recently made that THE MAGAZINE would be continued by the writer, it was done with the belief that he could arrange for the editorial and business management and retain his nominal connection. This was found not to be practicable, and the only course open to ensure the continuance of the publication was to do as has now been done. It will matter little to the readers under whose auspices it is conducted, so long as the standard under which it has succeeded so far is maintained, and the writer has every faith that not only will this be the case but that in the light of the experience of the past the publication may be very materially improved.

The writer has recently, in these pages, expressed his grateful acknowledgement of the support given to THE MAGAZINE both by contributors and subscribers. He asks a continuance of that support under the new auspices, so that year by year the publication that was started as an experiment will be more and more recognized as one of the permanent and valued institutions of the country.

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