

CIRCULAR.

The importance of a press in the dissemination of religious truth is exceeding great. "It is my conviction," says an English periodical, "that more will have to be done through the press, than by any other means. Lecturing and preaching are great things, but they are not the greatest. They can do something which the press cannot do; but the press can do much which they cannot do. Printed leaves can go everywhere. They can be multiplied without end by the press. Books and tracts can travel at little expense. They want nothing to eat. They require no lodgings. They run up and down like angels of God, blessing all, giving all, and asking no gift in return. You can print them of all sizes, on all subjects, in all places, and at all hours. They will wait men's time, and suit themselves to men's occasions and convenience. They will break off at any point, and begin at any moment where they broke off. And though they will not always answer questions, they will tell their story twice or thrice, or four times over, if you wish them. And they can be made to speak on any subject and on every subject they can be made to speak wisely and well. They can, in short, be made vehicles of all truth, the teachers and reformers of all classes, the regenerators and benefactors of all lands."

Such being the case, how important it is that such a powerful agent should be most speedily and actively employed at some central and influential position in this great commonwealth, that it may elucidate truth, expose error, and disseminate religious interest throughout the whole community! Syracuse is, we judge, the situation best adapted to such an enterprise, and one of rapidly increasing influence for evil or for good. In a very few years it has risen from a small village into a city of some 20,000 inhabitants, and has become a radiating centre of commercial, intellectual, and moral influence. If an able, independent, and temperate religious periodical could be properly sustained at this point, it would have more influence over the surrounding country than any other agent we could employ, and would, at the same time, give more of permanency to the good cause in which we are engaged than all other means combined. In view of all these things we conclude it to be imperatively necessary to establish such a press at Syracuse as soon as possible. The brethren who signed a circular some few months since are still determined to prosecute this effort; and would again first invite the "Witness" to remove to the above mentioned place, and if it cannot be induced to respond favorably to the call, we will take steps to procure a press from some other source. There is now a very general feeling to this effect existing among the brethren, and those who are more immediately engaged in this matter would earnestly invite them to show their interest in the most zealous manner by lending a helping hand to aid in this most desirable object. We pledge ourselves to use our utmost influence to sustain the Witness or such other periodical as may be started at the above place, and to give it a free and extensive circulation throughout the community.

Ira, N. Y., 1850.

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I have left off several names attached to the above document for the want of room. I will, therefore, state, that at the general meeting of the brethren held at Dewitt, I laid the matter contained in the above circular before them on Lord's day afternoon; and called for a vote on the following: