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INTRODUCTORY.

It is the hope of supplying what we believe to be a much needed want on this Reserve that we have embarked upon what some of our friends consider a well meaning but hazardous undertaking, viz., the publication of *The Indian Magazine*. Before we go any further we will try to answer a question which has already been put to us and which we are sure will be asked by many: What kind of a publication do you intend this to be? First, then we would state most emphatically that it is not a political magazine, with the various political parties and policies of the country we shall not concern ourselves. Is it then a religious magazine? No, not in the sense of what is usually understood by the term a religious publication, though it will we trust, be in the interests of all true religion, and will contain much concerning the doings, and we hope the growth of all the christian congregations on the Reserve. Our aim will be, first, to be a record of events occurring on the Reserve which are of general interest, especially in this respect we think our council notes will be found useful. We believe that the great majority of the inhabitants of this Reservation are ignorant of what takes place in that venerable assembly, although the business transacted there may be of great importance to the general community. We also hope to furnish useful hints to the farmer, the gar-

dener the poultry raiser, fruit grower, and bee keeper. We hope also to find a friend in, and to be a friend to the farmers wife by devoting one corner of our magazine to the interests of the household. We will also have a limited space for correspondence, where ideas for remedying every defect that exists, and effecting every improvement needed on this Reserve, may find expression. But really we find that we have no space for describing all that we hope or would like to become, but will say in short, that to be a correct expression of the best thought and feeling on the Reservation, to help forward improvement of all kind, whether religious, social, or material, to be in every sense of the word a useful magazine, will be our aim.

We have just two things more to say, and then we will cease to speak any more of ourselves.

First,—Please do not judge us altogether by this first issue. Our arrangements for collecting news and other contributions to our pages are at present incomplete, our next issue will be better, and we shall, we trust, like some people, continue to improve as we grow older; we would ask, therefore, your kind indulgence for this issue.

In the second place we would like to state that we are not entering upon this publication as a commercial speculation, but in the hope of it proving a benefit to the community, and therefore we are more bold in asking your support, for you will thereby we believe, be helping in a good work. We are thankful to say we have the cordial good wishes and support of all the missionaries and of the most prom-