

CONFIDENTIAL CIRCULAR.)

To the Union League of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The friends of a restored and regenerated Union in Louisville, Kentucky, commission me to appeal to you in behalf of the loyal daily newspaper just established by them in that city—"THE NATIONAL UNION PRESS." The importance, and indeed necessity, of such a paper in that region just at this crisis, cannot be overrated. The loyal men of Kentucky have had its establishment in contemplation for a year and more. The enterprise is at length under way, and is sustained as yet by a few staunch friends of the Republic, at no inconsiderable sacrifice of time, labor and money. I transmit herewith some dozen copies of the journal, that you may judge for yourselves of its purpose and spirit. Its loyalty is *unconditional*. Its defence, not only of the Government but of the Administration as the embodiment and current expression of the Government, is unreserved, zealous and hearty. Seeing Slavery to be the cause of the Rebellion, and a prominent and formidable obstacle to its suppression, it will advocate *emancipation* in Kentucky and defend the policy of the Administration, in regard, to Negro Slaves and Negro enlistments.

The loyal men of Kentucky, who have taken this enterprise in hand, have become aware of a most encouraging and unexpected amount of sympathy with their views in various sections of their State, remote and near. And what is, more to the purpose, there is every reason to believe that a far more wide-spread sympathy exists, as yet latent, and but half conscious of itself, which awaits but the provocation of example to take instant and permanent shape. No adequate public expression of all this has as yet been made in the State. We believe the time for postponing such expression has past. To delay longer would be to risk the loss to the National cause of a full, strong tide of public feeling, which now stands at poise, as ready to be turned into wholesome and loyal channels as into the dark ways that lead to the Nation's perdition. In a financial sense only this beginning is slightly premature. The expense of mere publishing, of material, and of mechanical labor, is already provided for. What is lacking is the means to procure a permanent editor, and able, abundant, and steady contributions to its columns. The Executive Committee of the journal decide that \$10,000 will be an ample sum to insure the continuance of the same for one year. I do, therefore, in their behalf, most respectfully but most urgently, ask of you, gentlemen, individual subscriptions of such amount as you shall deem fit, towards the acquisition of the above sum. I venture to ask only subscriptions of Five Dollars or Ten Dollars each, though larger sums would be most gratefully welcomed. We are by no means unaware of the immense and multifarious demands upon your liberality and resources, and whatever betides, shall bate no jot of our profound faith in your loyalty and admiration for the vast services you are rendering the National cause.

Very Respectfully,

H. A. WARRINER, M. D.,

In behalf of the Executive Committee of the Louisville "National Union Press."

PHILADELPHIA, May 14th, 1864.

Address League Rooms

I beg leave to state to the members of the League that Dr. Warriner has been, for nearly three years, the Chief Medical Inspector of the United States Sanitary Commission in the Valley of the Mississippi, that he accompanied Gen. Grant in his march to Vicksburg, and was present during the siege and capture of that city. After its capture Gen. Grant gave some striking proofs of his confidence in Dr. Warriner. In a volume entitled "The Sanitary Commission of the U. S. Army, a succinct Narrative of its Works and Purposes," which I have placed on the tables of the League, will be found on pages 119, 120, 131, 138, 203, some account of Dr. Warriner's energetic labors in the West.

HORACE BINNEY, JR.

227 South Sixth Street,
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