

Rev. A. A. Phelps

Boston

I wish, dear Sir, that you would give me
your opinion as to the plan of the work & its
practicability. ~~And~~ But I write you ^{particularly} to ascertain
if you will contribute to its columns either
regularly or occasionally as time & convenience may
allow. I am desirous of securing some of our
best writers before starting the work.

Please address me through the P. O.

Fraternally & respectfully

Rev. A. A. Phelps
Boston Mass.

Yours
G. F. Strickland

P.S. Your remuneration shall be satisfactory



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G. G. Stickland, Jan. 3, 1842.

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Rev. & Dear Sir

In my intercourse with society I have become satisfied that the taste of the reading portion of the laboring class is such as to require, what their best interest has always required, a periodical ~~or~~ essentially different from any now published. We have papers enough; but all of them which make moral improvement their object, are denominational, sectarian, intemperate, or so profound as to be nearly incomprehensible to ~~the~~ uncultivated minds, hence little read & less understood. I am ~~intending~~ Besides many great subjects, affecting the laborer, & indeed all of us, are entirely excluded from them.

I am intending to publish a cheap Monthly, adapted to the present state of morals & intellectual improvement of the mass, - so free from sect as to be offensive to none, and so imbued with christianity as to be beneficial to all, - devoid of party politics, - and aiming solely to elevate the great body of our people in the scale of being, by instructing them in the principles of moral philosophy & political economy - in a right understanding of their rights as men & their duties as members of society, - by storing their minds with useful knowledge & fitting their hearts with kind feelings towards their fellows.