

It is with good hopes, and justifiable aspirations as to the future, that we respectfully submit to the working men of the city of Aberdeen and the North of Scotland, the first number of *The Working Man's Newspaper*. Owned, as it is, by working men, on whom it will depend (in a great measure) for its special character, and real value, it cannot fail of commending itself to the class whose interests it shall be its particular duty to advocate. But independent of this speciality, we trust that it will be able to take a position that shall make it of some value to all classes, and that it shall never, at any time, become a reproach to those connected with it.

A paper owned and conducted by working men, may be justly called their own; and should it partake of some of the faults and failings of the working class, it must necessarily possess some of their virtues, which are no less characteristic of those who live to labour, and labour to live. The force of the old adage, "If you want a job well done, you must do it yourself," is well understood, and fully appreciated by every one; and while working men admit that their claims and interests have been well advocated by a certain portion of the press, nevertheless they are well convinced that they have been often benefited when becoming their own counsel, on many occasions.

It is scarcely necessary to say that the title of our journal is truly a *bona fide* one, and that it shall be our constant endeavour to advocate, to the best of our ability, the interests of the class to whom it is more specially addressed. At all times our columns will be found open for communications both from employer and employed, on matters affecting either, when found to possess sufficient interest for our readers. Every facility will be given to the discussion of trade matters, as well as social and political questions affecting the interests of every one. The policy of employers, or the policy of a Government, may call forth criticisms which deserve to be listened to. To all such communications, we shall pay every attention.

In politics, we hope to be always found independent, liberal, and progressive; in religious matters, perfectly neutral.

In noticing passing events connected with the current history of the times, we hope to be able to make their true bearing apparent to our readers, without distortion of facts, or sacrifice of truth, to suit a pet theory.

While making every effort, on our own part, to render our publication both useful and respectable, we hope to be well supported by correspondents from the ranks of labour; to whom such work cannot fail of proving, at all times, a profitable exercise.

Whatever praiseworthy scheme may happen to be propounded by the working class, it shall be our special duty to help to promote the same. What is their duty to ORGANISE, shall be our duty to ADVOCATE; and every useful scheme coming before us from this source, shall have our best attention.

In every prosperous community, organisation, strong and compact, is the great motive power which accomplishes the desirable prosperity. In every organisation, as well as the organisations of working men, every part of the structure must be so disposed as to be subservient to each other. To organise, is to construct so that one part co-operates with another; this bond of union, and mutual interests, keeping all together. It is evident that it requires both care and talent to organise well; and it will be admitted that the organisation of labour is fast becoming a great power in the country. To watch the progress of this power, to describe its characteristics, chronicle its doings, and advocate its claims, shall be our constant aim. It has been truly said, that the state of the labourer or workman, at the present, is a state of transition; they are now freeing themselves from the last link of the chain that once bound them so firmly and cruelly. From being serfs, at not a very distant period, they have become freemen; and no power on earth can thwart or stop the progress which working men are now making toward the realisation of a bright and happy future.