

Working-Man's Newspaper.

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TO OUR FRIENDS AND READERS.

WHEN the idea of establishing a Working Man's Newspaper in Aberdeen was first broached, the question which naturally arose to a few who were interested in having a journal of this kind, was—How is it to be got out, or by what means are we to establish an organ to represent the interests of working men and advocate their just claims?

A small Committee was formed, and the result was the formation of a Company of Working Men on the limited liability principle.

A printer was then secured, who undertook to print the 'Working Man's Newspaper,' for a sum mutually agreed to. Our first number was produced by the gentleman who undertook the work, on the understanding that they were to continue, to print the same weekly, so long as the success of the scheme warranted it to be continued.

Unfortunately our experience has been otherwise, our printers having declined to produce our second number (while our success with our first has been all that could have been looked for), and giving as an excuse for doing so, their inability to get experienced workmen, and pressure of other business at the present time.

Other printing establishments in the city were then asked to undertake the work of producing our second number, but the Committee failed in being able to make any arrangements to get the work done in Aberdeen. Under these circumstances, they applied in Glasgow, where the job was undertaken by Mr James M. Watt, Publisher, to whom our best thanks are indebted, for the production of our second number.

This unexpected turn of affairs has put us to much trouble and not a little expense, but we hope that we have now got over our first difficulties, and while we now present our readers with an enlarged size of our paper, we hope to be soon able to enlarge it still more, should we meet with that encouragement we expect from the public.

From the explanation which has been given, working men will see that the Committee are not to blame for carrying the printing work of their journal out of the city; and the public will be able to form their own judgment on the case from the plain statement of facts which we have here given.