

'The Practical Christian.'

We have received and perused, with no ordinary satisfaction, the first number of a small sheet to be issued semi-monthly at Mendon, in this State, called 'THE PRACTICAL CHRISTIAN.' The regular contributors to the paper will be Adin Ballou, (Editor and Publishing Agent;) David R. Lamson, George W. Stacy, Daniel S. Whitney, and Wm. H. Fish. Its object is nobly set forth in its title—it is, *practical Christianity*. The editors say, in their Prospectus—

'We shall bear aloft and magnify the standard of religious truth and duty, for which Jesus of Nazareth died on the cross. With *this* divine standard, we shall contrast the prevailing religion and manners of the age; approving the pure, and laying the axe of REFORM at the root of corruption. . . We shall go against war, physical violence, slavery, intemperance, licentiousness, covetousness, and worldly ambition . . . always making *practical christian holiness* our grand theme, and keeping theological doctrines in their proper subserviency to the *ends* of revealed religion.'

We hail the appearance of such a periodical as another cheering and important sign of the times, and commend it to the patronage of all those who hate iniquity, eschew sectarianism, rejoice in the doctrine of christian perfection, and believe that the will of God is yet to be done on earth as it is in heaven. It espouses the cause of Non-Resistance, Abolition, Temperance, Moral Reform, &c. The editors say—

'We cannot be governed by the will of man, however solemnly and formally declared, nor put our trust in the arm of flesh. Hence we voluntarily withdraw from all interference with the governments of this world. We can take no part in the politics, the administration, or the defence of these governments—either by voting at the polls, holding their offices, aiding in the execution of their legal vengeance, fighting under their banners, claiming their protection against violence, seeking redress in their courts, petitioning their legislatures to enact laws, or obeying their unrighteous requirements. Neither can we participate in any rebellion, insurrection, sedition, riot, conspiracy or plot against any of these governments, &c.'