

THE NEW-YORK OBSERVER,

A RELIGIOUS NEWSPAPER,

Is published weekly in the city of New-York, on Saturday morning. The first number was issued on the 17th May. The paper is principally devoted to Religious Intelligence, but contains also miscellaneous articles and summaries of news and information on every subject, in which the community is interested. The advantages enjoyed in the city of New-York for collecting the earliest intelligence from all parts of the globe, and for diffusing it rapidly in this country, it is now well understood, are greatly superior to those of any other city in the United States, and this pre-eminence is every year increasing. The conductors of the Observer, by means of their correspondence with gentlemen in Europe, will be able to procure the earliest information on all subjects interesting to the Religious community. The Observer will not be the advocate of the peculiar opinions of any sect or denomination, religious or political.

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RECOMMENDATIONS.

We regard the publication of a paper upon the plan exhibited in the above Prospectus, as an object of great importance. The character and qualifications of the Editors, inspire the fullest confidence that it will be conducted in such a manner as to merit the general patronage of the Christian community.

JAMES RICHARDS, *Pastor of the first Presbyterian Church, Newark, N. J.*
PHILIP C. HAY, *Pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, Newark, N. J.*
ASA HILLYER, *Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Orange, N. J.*
SAMUEL FISHER, *Pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Patterson, N. J.*

It is with no common pleasure I have been made acquainted with the design of establishing a weekly religious paper in this city, to be styled the "New-York Observer." Nothing has delayed the appearance of such a publication, and nothing has prevented the combined patronage of the Christian community in its favour, except the difficulty of procuring men who are competent to the editorial department. That difficulty is now removed. In the talents and acquisitions of the gentlemen who have undertaken this work, I have high confidence; and shall be much disappointed, if the Observer stands second to any paper of the kind in our country.

GARDINER SPRING, *Pastor of the Brick Presbyterian Church.*

New-York, April 1823.

The claims of the New-York Observer to public patronage are so clearly and forcibly stated in the Prospectus, that I find nothing to be added on the subject. I therefore simply express my satisfaction that such a paper is about to be established in this city; and my hope that it will meet with a liberal support. The character of the gentlemen who are to be the Editors, is an ample pledge that it will be conducted with ability, and with advantage to the great interests of truth.

J. M. MATHEWS, *Pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church, in Garden-street.*

New-York, 27th April, 1823.

I have carefully perused the prospectus of the "NEW-YORK OBSERVER," and am well assured of the capacity with which its editorial concerns will be conducted, and its evangelical character sustained. Of that capacity, as it respects intellectual resources, religious principle, and the not less valuable quality of adaptedness to the peculiar service, I entertain the highest opinion. Such a weekly vehicle as the Observer prospectively is, of religious and general intelligence, is eminently needed in this metropolis, and will, I devoutly trust, receive a general and generous patronage from men, and the more primarily important succours of the benediction of God.

SAMUEL H. COX, *Pastor of the Spring-street Presbyterian Church.*

New-York, April 29, 1823.

It has for many years been deemed of the last importance, that a religious newspaper be established in this city, upon some plan of frequent and familiar communication with the middle section of our country; and the partial supply of religious intelligence, now afforded by one or two publications of this kind in New-England, does but increase the conviction of the importance of issuing such a paper from New-York. The plan of the "NEW-YORK OBSERVER," proposes, as appears to me, the best of all methods for distributing, cheaply and rapidly, the greatest amount of information, interesting to the church and the community at large. But what is of much greater concern, the Observer is to be edited by gentlemen of peculiar ability in this department of literary labour, whose talents, knowledge of languages, religious character, and devotion to the object, will, I am persuaded, so command the confidence of Christians generally, as at once to give this publication a high and permanent place among those agencies that are promoting the great cause of truth and of righteousness. It is, therefore, with less hesitation than I have ever felt before, and with a stronger assurance of its success, that I recommend to the people of my charge, and to the Christian community generally, the patronage of the "New-York Observer."

PH. M. WHELPLEY, *Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.*

New-York, April 30, 1823.

We cheerfully recommend the general plan of the contemplated paper, and are persuaded that the Editors will conduct it to public satisfaction.

JOHN B. ROMEYN, *Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Cedar-street.*
JOHN WILLIAMS, *Pastor of the Baptist Meeting in Oliver-street.*

New-York, May 3d, 1823.

Having full confidence in the integrity and talents of the Editors of the above paper, I cheerfully concur in recommending it to the patronage of my fellow-citizens.

PHILIP MILLEDOLER, *Collegiate Pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church.*

New-York, May 3d, 1823.

The plan of a weekly paper, such as proposed in the prospectus of the Observer, is one which promises much usefulness, and which the best interests of our city particularly require. We, therefore, cheerfully concur in recommending it to the patronage of the public.

New-York, May 3d, 1823.

WM. McMURRAY, Pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church in Market-street.
THOS. McAULEY, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Rutgers-street.
STEPHEN N. ROWAN, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Greenwich village.

The influence of Newspapers upon the sentiments of the community, is felt by all. Whatever serves as a pure vehicle for the more extensive diffusion of religious intelligence, must prove acceptable to all who feel as great an interest in the affairs of Christ's kingdom, as they do in the concerns of the empires of this world, and must exert a salutary influence upon religious society. Such a vehicle the "New-York Observer," from the object it proposes, and the character of its Editors, promises to be.

JOHN KNOX, Collegiate Pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church.

New-York, May 3d, 1823.

A religious newspaper, which, without respect of persons, names, or parties, gives correct intelligence of what is going on in the peculiar kingdom of God our Saviour, is worthy of Christian patronage, and much needed in this city. Hoping that the Observer will be conducted on truly Christian and liberal principles, we give it our recommendation.

ALEX. McLEOD, Pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

New-York, May 5th, 1823.

ROBERT McCARTEE, Pastor of the Orange-street Presbyterian Church.

I entirely concur in the opinion that a religious Newspaper, such as that proposed to be published under the title of the "New-York Observer," may be made, if properly conducted, a means of circulating much valuable information, and of eminently promoting the interests of piety and good morals. Having a very favourable opinion of the capacity of the gentlemen who are to be its Editors, and relying upon their assurance of the unsectarian principles which are to be observed in the discharge of their duty, I cannot but wish them success in so useful an undertaking.

JAMES MILNOR, Rector of St. George's Church.

New-York, May 5th, 1823.

While all the friends of Christianity will readily admit the great importance of publishing a religious newspaper in this city, those who are acquainted with the talents, the literary attainments, the successful experience and pious character of the conductors of the New-York Observer, cannot but feel assured, that it will, in every respect, merit the general patronage of the community.

WARD STAFFORD, Pastor elect of the Bowery Presbyterian Church.
WILLIAM PATTON, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Elm-street.

New-York, May 20, 1823.

Having had an opportunity to peruse the first number of the first volume of a weekly newspaper, entitled the New-York Observer, contemplated for the future to be regularly issued forth from the press, as a vehicle of religious and other useful information; I cannot but express my highest approbation of the same; and as, from the character and qualifications of the editors, I feel the fullest confidence that it will be conducted in such a manner as to give general satisfaction, I do most cordially recommend it to the most liberal and extensive patronage of the Christian community of this metropolis.

CHRISTIAN BORK, Pastor of the North-west Reformed Dutch Church of the city of New-York.

I cordially concur in the above recommendation.

NICHOLAS J. MARSELUS, Pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church at Greenwich.

I approve of the plan contained in the Prospectus of the New-York Observer. If conducted as proposed, it will certainly be a powerful instrument for the diffusion of religious knowledge—for the pulling down of the strong holds of ignorance and darkness, and distributing far and wide the light of the Gospel of Christ, and also in disseminating useful information on other subjects interesting to the public.

STEPHEN OSTRANDER, Present pastor of the newly organized Reformed Dutch Church in Greene-street.

New-York, May 22d, 1823.

The New-York Observer being on such a plan as will be eminently serviceable to the community in general, I cheerfully recommend it to public attention.

JAMES G. OGILVIE, Pastor of the Fourteenth Presbyterian Church, in Provost-street.

New-York, May 30, 1823.

I am much pleased with the plan of the New-York Observer, and with the specimen of execution given in the numbers which have been issued. To the abilities of the writers I have great confidence. I think the paper is calculated to do much good, and do most cheerfully recommend it to the patronage of my people.

JOHN M'DOWELL, Pastor of the 1st Presbyterian Church, Elizabethtown.

Elizabethtown, June 6, 1823.

Taking the numbers of the New-York Observer, which have already been published, as a specimen of the manner in which the paper will be conducted, I cheerfully concur in recommending it to the patronage of the Christians of this place.

DAVID MAGIE, Pastor of the 2d Presbyterian Church, Elizabethtown.

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Hon. J. V. Rensselaer Esq. New Haven July 30th 1823

Dear Sir, I drop you this line, & I trust you will excuse me, just to say to you, that my son, the Painter, expects to leave this for Albany on Monday next, with a view to spend a few weeks in taking portraits. By "speaking a good word for him," we know, Sir, you can do him much good - & we have confidence that you have the disposition to do it. Income from his "Congress Hall," Painting, has disappointed his expectations, probably in great part, through the want of a fair Exhibiter of it. He resorts to a few traits as the surest business. The foregoing Prospectus will speak for itself.

In much haste, I am, Dear Sir,
very sincerely & respectfully
Yours J. E. Morse

tho you see our friend Dr. Chester will thank you to present my regards, & let him know that my son is coming - & will hope for his patronage.

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Mass Stephen W. Peckham Esq
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