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This issue is utilized entirely for purposes of a prospectus.

Objections are the easiest things to make and the hardest things to meet. Now read the prospectus given below.

This little publication is a financial success before it begins. It was a financial success last May, because its expenses for a year in advance had at that time been fully guaranteed. So, don't worry.

To our friends who have helped us: Without your help we could not have succeeded. The vast majority of those whose assistance we have asked have freely given it. To those friends who have not yet consented to help us: You could make our success greater if you would. It is not too late, and we shall "see you" again. The final garnering of the wheat into the barn is due just as much to those who begin to work at the eleventh hour as to those who have borne the burden and the heat of the day. They shall receive every man a penny.

To our enemies, if any there be, we offer the comfort found in Job 31, 35: "My desire is that mine adversary had written a book."

To the college professor: You will doubtless smile at our simplicity and after perusing our brief columns you may be tempted to say, "mere milk for babes."

Quite so. Bear in mind we represent the beginning stages. It is necessary to get down to first principles here. A great sneer goes up from the colleges and universities at the so-called "schoolmaster". True, he is but a domestic in the kitchen of education, but if he washes your dishes clean for you, you should take him into your parlor, and "jolly" him into the belief that he is one of the family.

Unless you are the recipient of a "sample copy", your subscription is being paid for complementarily by some one of our Patrons. Just as soon as you desire to help the Scholarship Fund to the extent of 25c. a year, the subscription to THE LEAFLET you are now receiving will be transferred to some one else.

PROSPECTUS

To Whom it May Concern:

Several Latin teachers in New York City are now beginning the publication of a small leaflet devoted primarily to the discussion of Latin or Greek topics touching the secondary field of Latin and Greek instruction. It will be called THE LATIN LEAFLET, since Latin will naturally be the predominant feature. On the editorial committee and among the contributors are now representatives from seven of the New York high schools, from The Packer Collegiate Institute, Adelphi College, The New York University and Columbia University. Other local institutions may be represented as the work of organization goes on. The plurality of the committee not only makes the editorial quotient small, but insures that the matter for publication will be of a reasonably high order; and, while an effort will be made to keep closely to the practical, no bar will be placed to any contribution, bearing on the classics, which the narrow limits of the publication will admit. The size of the little publication is indicated by this prospectus. To secure effectiveness, it will appear weekly.

Owing to the extremely narrow constituency which such a technical publication as this would, under natural conditions, command, the editorial committee has seen fit to give the paper a practical goal, such as the establishment of a High School Scholarship Fund. To this Fund will be devoted every penny of every subscription, and all other proceeds over and above the expenses of the publication.

An attempt will be made to secure a permanent Fund of at least six thousand dollars, which will yield two hundred and fifty or three hundred dollars for an annual award. In addition to its pedagogical purpose, therefore, THE LATIN LEAFLET will have as a second object, the establishment of this Fund, and it is hoped that in this way the little sheet, by reason of its commendable aim, will

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possess for all teachers devoted to the welfare of the public schools, as well as for many others who are not teachers, an interest which it could not hope to secure otherwise, owing to the narrow limitations that beset any technical publication.

It has seemed wisest to place all the finances in the hands of a business man. Consequently, Mr. Arthur S. Somers, of the Central Board of Education, has kindly consented to take charge of this Fund in trust. All the labor involved, except the mechanical labor of printing, is to be a labor of love. But, to pay the expenses of publication, three or four columns will be open to advertising, and already more than enough advertisements have been secured to vouchsafe for all expenses for a year in advance. The high character of this advertising will be recognized at a glance. In this way the financial part of the undertaking has been made as solid as a rock. This leaves all money in the shape of subscriptions to the paper sacred to the Scholarship Fund.

This two-fold undertaking has thus far, in the limited time which has elapsed since the idea was born, been brought to the attention of several citizens and school men, high in the councils of education, who have not only shown their moral support of the project, and their sympathy with it, by becoming SCHOLARSHIP PATRONS, but, by guaranteeing nearly two thousand four-year subscriptions to THE LEAFLET, they have thus generously contributed toward the Fund. As each four-year subscription to THE LATIN LEAFLET means a dollar for the Fund, it follows that nearly two thousand dollars have already been subscribed. We hope that you will at least subscribe for a year at 25c., seeing that all the subscription-money goes unimpaired into the Scholarship Fund. You may become a SHARE HOLDER by paying a dollar a year for five years, and be entitled to four copies, which will be sent every week to any four names you may give us. You may do even better, if you think well enough of the plan, and pay \$5 a year for five years, thus becoming one of the SCHOLARSHIP PATRONS. Quite a number have subscribed \$25 a year for five years, and a few, more than that. Payments may be made to any member of the editorial committee. We cannot deny that we shall be glad to have a large subscription, but we shall be delighted to receive a small one. Subscriptions will be payable on or before the first of November of every year, and a warning card will be sent to you before your subscription is due. Checks should be made payable to the Scholarship Fund.

When the Scholarship Fund has been completed, the annual income therefrom will be awarded on a competitive examination to the most successful candidate from the high schools in Greater New York. The conditions of eligibility will be announced later and after consultation with wiser

heads, but there is every reason to believe that the scholarship will be awarded for general excellence in all departments, including Latin. It is quite probable that the uniform college entrance examinations, now well under way, will be utilized in making the award. The successful candidate will be permitted to choose any college to his liking (a feature which will place this scholarship in striking contrast with all scholarships now offered by colleges), and the amount will be paid to him in four quarterly payments on the presentation by him of evidence, at the end of each quarter, that he has made good use of his opportunities. The scholarship will be open to both sexes, the appointment being for a year.

Such a scholarship will not only have in its favor all the arguments which support any scholarship now in existence, but will possess several unique features of its own. It will be thoroughly democratic in character, leading to any college, university, professional or technical school, within the choice of the holder, at which studies shall be pursued in advance of those already pursued. Usually a scholarship is an attraction held out by the college to the secondary school. This scholarship will operate as a force from the secondary school, impelling toward the college. In this way, it will prove not only directly stimulating, but may be indirectly the means of turning the eyes of a larger number of students toward the college than might otherwise look in that direction. This desirable effect will also be enhanced by the fact that this scholarship originates with the schools themselves.

If any one should happen to be searching for a natural and inherent connection between the proposed publication and the establishment of the scholarship, he will search in vain. But a momentary glance will suffice to disclose the practical connection and the mutual helpfulness of the two projects.

An itemized account of our finances will be published twice a year in order to show just what we are doing.

It appears quite in order here to express our obligations to our PATRONS and friends thus far enlisted, who have assured the success of THE LEAFLET and have made the success of the Scholarship Fund possible and probable. The altruism of the private schools who are cooperating with us, should also be particularly acknowledged, seeing that the scholarship will be awarded only to graduates from the public high schools.

It may be added that the publication will be very glad, at any time, to be of any service to any or all of the schools in ways which are consistent with its purposes and aims, such as the publication of notices of meetings, etc., and that, without charge. The circulation will begin at 6000 copies instead of 5000 as was originally intended.

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The internal purpose of this publication is to provide a Clearing House for secondary classical teachers in New York and vicinity or anywhere else: to afford an opportunity to younger classical scholars anywhere for the publication of their more modest endeavors along the lines of original work, which might not otherwise see the light; to stimulate the teaching and quicken the student activity in the classical work in the high schools of Greater New York. The external purpose is to establish one or more College-entrance-scholarships for the most successful graduates from high schools in New York City, to be awarded on a competitive examination. The proceeds over and above expenses will be devoted to a scholarship fund. The labor involved is a labor of love.

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