

city, a son of Deacon George Merriam,  
publisher of Webster's Dictionary, whose  
parish is in all the churches on this  
side the Atlantic.

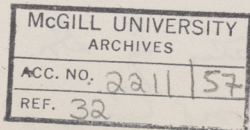
I am the pastor of the North  
Congregational Church in this city; and  
was for four years the able editor  
of the Independent.

Of course we should make no  
claim upon your articles after they had  
been printed in our columns.

Let me say again that our pages  
will average about 700 words, and that  
articles should not, in any case, exceed 10 pages.

Hoping to hear that we may expect  
your aid, I am,

Very truly yours  
Rev. Washington Gladden.  
Gladden



Gladden  
Springfield, Nov. 5, 1877.

My dear Sir: —  
— Order in  
— pen

Our prospectus of "Sunday  
Afternoon" is not yet issued; when it  
is I will send you one immediately.

Its purpose is to furnish entertain-  
ing and wholesome Sunday reading  
for the household. It will contain  
one or two serials, — of religious tone, —  
and in each number there will be  
two or three short stories, of the same  
quality, and a poem or two. In  
addition to this lighter matter, I  
want a good assortment of sound  
and sensible essays, popularly written,  
on questions of current interest. The

first number will contain a sketch  
by the Rev. F. P. Woodbury  
entitled "Three Old Bibles," - describing  
and recounting the history of The Vatican,  
the Alexandrian and the Syriac Mss.; -  
an article on "Sunday at Mr. Kimey's,"  
- practical suggestions on the best way  
of spending the Sabbath, by J. B. T.  
Marsh, lately editor of the Advancer;  
an article entitled "Two Christian  
Conventions," by the Rev. L. W. Bacon,  
describing, comparing and criticizing the  
Episcopal Convent at New York, and  
the Congregational Council at Detroit;  
an article on the German system  
of Poor Relief by ~~the~~ Rev. Mr. C. G. Jones,  
and an article by Professor George  
P. Fisher of New Haven on some subject  
to be chosen by himself.

I have promised articles by Dr.  
Dale of Birmingham, Dr. Howard Crosby of

New York, Professor Weyland of New Haven and others. The

magazine will be in sympathy with the best Christian of all  
denominations, ~~and~~ and will be in no sense theological or polem-  
ical; the object will be to aid in the application of religion  
to life. We mean to make a strong protest of articles on

the practical Philanthropies - a question of Temperance, both  
reform and non-reform. This we desire, also to have questions  
of science treated by religion men. Our constancy is  
not to be made; but not such a purpose you can give  
as well as what strike us. I trust that it will  
be an evidence before which the best men will not  
be ashamed to appear.

The prospectus is in Dr. S. P. Sherman's of this