

TO THE PUBLIC.

Our readers will see by the names which appear at the head of the columns of this issue of the Picayune, that the interregnum occasioned in its management by the death of its late editor and proprietor, Mr. A. M. Holbrock, has been terminated. The present management avails itself of this opportunity of returning thanks to the many friends of the Picayune whose generous patronage has not ceased to sustain and encourage it during a delicate and critical period in its history. The growing popularity and steadily increasing circulation of this journal are the best evidence that its policy has been approved and its enterprise commended by the public.

It is not improper now to state that the present management intend to maintain the well known status of the Picayune as a strictly independent journal; but it must not be inferred from this statement that the paper will occupy an attitude of neutrality or indifference in reference to those great issues which agitate the entire nation and affect the interests of every class and section. The Picayune will lend its influence and support to principles rather than to parties, and will endeavor to make itself the friend of the people rather than the champion of politicians. In the campaign preliminary to the approaching State and Federal elections it will be found advocating the cause of retrenchment, reform and a just interpretation of the organic law of Louisiana and of the United States.

The Picayune is and will remain a Southern newspaper. While it deprecates the intemperate zeal of fanatics and the reckless ambition of demagogues who still labor to keep aglow the embers of sectional hate, it remembers that its first duty is to the land from which it derives its support. It will maintain, therefore, an unswerving and fearless opposition to all that horde of political adventurers who have usurped the reins of government, perverted the operation of the laws to the ends of oppression, and squandered and misapplied the funds of the commonwealth.

The Picayune is a family newspaper. It will devote its columns to the discussion of all the leading questions of public interest and the publication of the latest intelligence from the several departments of literature, science, politics and trade, but it will refuse to offend the instincts of modesty and to disregard the claims of propriety in order to pander to a prurient appetite for the disgusting details of private scandal. Sustained by the consciousness of these high purposes, aided by a veteran and accomplished leadership in both its editorial and business departments, and confiding in that liberality which during so many years has rewarded its efforts, the Picayune, under its new management, appeals once more to its patrons with well founded hope that its future will be worthy of its past.