W. C. Warren, Prop. The Commercial
Buffalo N.Y.

My dear Sir: I have been much gratified at the appreciative allusions you have made of The Basis & its editors. I had hoped to see you this last week, but have been unable to make my weekly trip to Buffalo — for the past two weeks being confined by illness to my bed, from whence this letter is dictated. I find I have undertaken too much, — having had the entire charge of all matters, — business & editorial connected with the Basis from its inception. I think I have proved that there is a place for such a periodical, — and that if I may manage it it could be made a great journal, — a great [illegible] in the land, — and a good financial investment, — [illegible] business management, — devoting myself to it exclusively to the editorial & literary interests of the

Journal. - I ~~thought~~ have had
you in mind for some time - ~~thank~~
you might be induced to take
a hand in the enterprise -

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