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The *Laurens Advertiser* has begun to be published at Laurens, S. C., under the leadership of J. C. Garlington, Esq. The paper is a very neat one, of seven columns, and is got up in good style. Mr. Garlington is a lawyer of fine promise and he writes well. We like the ring of the following sentences taken from his salutatory, in speaking of the press:

"Its influence is great, and when rightly directed, ever tends to elevate society and produce beneficial effects upon the community. On the other hand, if it be enlisted in any cause save that of truth and justice, if swayed by prejudice, or unworthy and selfish ends be sought, or if conducted in the interest of particular classes to the exclusion of others, or if unwholesome matter be scattered through its columns, its influence for evil cannot be estimated."

There is much for the South Carolina press to do and we are sure the *Advertiser* will help to do it well.

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