

and cannot be wisely left unpractised until an undergraduate course is spent, though indeed the mental activity of the student is more than sufficiently exercised on what is more purely the work of the University. Coupled with such feelings, arises incidentally a hope that something in the following pages may arrest the attention and prove instructive, and that the intelligence which is furnished as to the success with which the great aims of this non-Sectarian and Provincial Institution are being carried out may be welcomed by those who regard its prosperity with approbation. To the Alumni especially is it addressed, as thus bearing a visible testimony to the progress the Society has already made, holding out a something wherewith they may bind their sympathies more closely with those of the University which fostered them, and awakening, perhaps, within them, a thrill of pleasing recollections, as they turn aside for a moment from the throb of busy life, and hail right heartily this new-comer into the arena of Canadian literature. The Society then, animated by such purposes, sends forth this its first-born; still, however, with true parental solicitude, that the new being may inhale strength from the atmosphere of a healthful popularity, and having attained a sturdy manhood may at length pass away, having served its proposed object, to give place to a Monthly Magazine, which, a seedling of University literature, may expand and in time take a respectable position among the periodicals of the Dominion, be an able exponent of the grand principles which have for their object the advancement of the intellectual and the moral, and become a vehicle of the manly thought, liberal opinions, and ambitious yearnings of the gownsmen of future years.

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