

and sacred to be irreverently mixed up with accidents and offences, shipping intelligence, and police reports.

Religious intelligence from Rome, from France, Great Britain, Ireland and the United States, gladdening the heart of the reader with the prospect of the increase and continual triumph of our holy faith. Extracts from the writings of Catholic Divines—translations of interesting passages from the early Fathers—a full account of the toils and victories of those glorious Athlets of the Faith, who, for the love of Christ, devote themselves to the conversion of the heathen. A record of all the ecclesiastical changes, promotions, and conferments; together with a detail of the proceedings of the different branches of that generous society of temperance, will principally compose the religious matter which it is proposed to lay before the public.

Catholicity is of no nation, of no particular shade of politics. The "True Witness" therefore will not be a political paper, in the ordinary acceptation of the term. Confining ourselves to the discussion of those measures, the effects of which may be advantageous, or prejudicial to the moral and religious well-being of the community—the acts, and not the persons of the members of the Ministry, will alone form the subjects of our censures or of our praise. Ardently attached ourselves to the land which gave us birth, we cannot but admire the love of country in others, and the respect which we would demand for our own nationality, will be a pledge for the respect with which we will ever treat the laws and language of those whose religion is also our religion.

The "True Witness" will be conducted and edited by Laymen, who alone will be responsible for every line and word of every article that it may contain. Whilst on the one hand, no articles of a purely religious or dogmatic character will be submitted to the public, without having been previously subjected to an Ecclesiastical censorship, so that our readers may be effectually secured against the danger of having heretical propositions laid before them, and have a sure guarantee as to the orthodoxy of our *matter*. So, on the other hand, if in the *manner* of treating any subject, harsh or unseemly expressions should occur, as such through inadvertance or momentary irritation may occur; then be it clearly understood, that the blame, whole, and undivided thereof, must rest upon the shoulders of the Laymen, by whom the paper will be avowedly conducted.

And now we trust that we have sufficiently explained our objects, and the means by which we hope to obtain that support and encouragement which are necessary to ensure success; and, therefore, would we call upon the Catholics of Canada, whose religion is dear unto them, to assist us with their literary and pecuniary contributions. Especially, we call upon our Irish brethren for countenance and support—by the love they bear to their own Green Isle, and their Ancestral Faith—by the memory of the trials and persecutions they so oft have borne in the cause of truth. We would implore them to come forward now, and prove, that here, in Canada, as in Ireland, and elsewhere, they are ever ready to do battle for their Church; always prepared to give every man a reason for the faith that is in them.