

Editorial and Correspondence.



MAGAZINE LITERATURE.

The Magazine has quite a different mission from the Newspaper, having nothing to do with news, and very little with the political or polemical questions which from time to time agitate men's minds, and divide society into adverse camps. Its objects are to afford a pleasing recreation to cultivated minds, and to promote literary tastes. Its matter will be as interesting after a year or ten years, as at present; and hence, it becomes in a family a mine from which each succeeding member of it may dig treasure. The newspaper, however good, is apt to be torn or lost,—the magazine lies on the parlor table or on the book-shelf from month to month, and year to year, without loss of value.

It has been, and still is, one of the specialties of the *NEW DOMINION MONTHLY* to collect and place on record the early annals of various parts of British America, which annals will increase in value as years glide on, so that a set of this magazine from the beginning will in future times be a treasure altogether out of proportion to its cost.

With a view to the general promotion of literary tastes, and the cultivation of an interest in the records of the settlement of British North America, and the hardships which the founders of the Dominion have gone through, the *NEW DOMINION MONTHLY* has been put at a price lower than any other magazine, so as to be within the reach of almost every family in the land; and with this same view, doubtless, it has been gratuitously aided by many excellent contributions from writers of ability in various parts of the Dominion.

For these contributions the editors desire to express their warmest thanks, whilst they invite a continuation of them. We have already inserted articles descriptive

of the Fur Trade sixty years ago; the Rise and Progress of Steamboating on the St. Lawrence; Montreal in the Olden Time; Shanty Life; Tales of French Canadian Wars with the Indians and Americans, and other purely Canadian subjects. And we have received a Sketch of the Early History of the Red River Settlement; A Story of the U. E. Loyalists, and some other articles on British American topics. We still desiderate articles or stories descriptive of the following classes of our population: The Acadians of Nova Scotia, and what became of them; the Highlanders of Glengarry, where they came from, and what has been their influence in Canada; the United Empire Loyalists of Canada West, and the Maritime Provinces; the Early Settlement of the Eastern Townships; the Emigration of the Paisley Weavers in the Radical Times, where they settled, how they got on, and what influence they have exerted on Canada; Sketches of Little York, now Toronto—of Bytown, now Ottawa; Stories of Quebec in the Olden Time; Accounts of the Dutch and German Settlements of Canada; Annals of the various Indian Tribes of Canada, and the efforts that have been made for their civilization, and other kindred subjects. Well written, condensed, and lively sketches on any of these subjects will be very welcome.

NOTICES TO CONTRIBUTORS.

Of contributions received, the following are accepted with thanks:—

- "Fishing in Canada."
- "Two Evenings in a Life."
- "Lament of the Birds of Passage."
- "The Unseen."
- "The Red River Settlement."
- "Whippoorwill."

—We have received some Acrostics and Puzzles founded on the name of this magazine for which we cannot make room.