

NEW YEAR'S THOUGHTS.

The year that has passed over us has been fertile of great events; and its closing weeks have presented to us scenes of surpassing and absorbing interest, such as Canada had never before witnessed since it became a British Colony. May they never be repeated! In the midst of all, God has been very merciful to us: he has delivered us from threatened and alarming dangers; "he hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." Our fervent gratitude is due to our heavenly father, for the *manifest* interpositions of his Providence in our behalf.

We believe that this "strange and unnatural" rebellion has been every where effectually put down, though we dare not hope that every germ of it is yet destroyed. We have been surprized to find in several of the American papers, and in *some* of the Religious class, the most grossly inaccurate and unfriendly statements, respecting our condition, and the events that have taken place in both Provinces. That political partizans should pervert the truth, and even propagate direct lies, to answer some base end, is not surprizing; but it is really painful to see so respectably a paper as the *Baptist Register* lend itself to the work of spreading error and delusion. In the number for December 15th, for instance, one of the editorial articles gravely sets down, as veritable facts, eleven or twelve items as articles of intelligence, only one of which is true; the rest are either flagrant perversions of the truth, or flat and palpable falsehoods. We would advise our brother Editor to be more careful in looking to the sources from which his intelligence is derived, and not to make his paper (which we are sure he does not intend to do, knowingly) the vehicle of slander or injury to us, who wish to "live peaceably with all men," in the enjoyment of our own rights, and without a desire to deprive others of their's. At all events, whether our brother will believe it or not, we are thankfully conscious of being in a state just the reverse of that which he has described.

THE MISSION. Now the excitement of public events has somewhat abated, we earnestly call upon the friends of the Gospel in every part of the Colony, to take this subject into their serious consideration, and lend all the assistance in their power to the promotion of the great object of evangelizing the dark portions of our land. The CANADA BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY was formed last year in Montreal, on a scale to combine the efforts of ALL in the good work. Our British friends had given us the greatest encouragement by their liberal contributions before the General Society was formed here: and have promised the continuance of their aid, provided we exert ourselves for the benefit of our own population. The Annual General Meeting of our Society is intended to take place at Bredalbane on the fourth Wednesday in the present month, the 24th instant, when it is hoped all who are able will be present.

THE MAGAZINE. Many of our friends exerted themselves most actively and successfully, in answer to our appeals, to procure additional subscribers for the Magazine. The late events, however, have so called off the public attention from every thing else, that but little has been done. Though our list of Subscribers has been very much augmented, it is still within the number requisite to carry on the work with success. Let our friends continue to exert themselves, and we have no fear of the result. But no time must be lost, and no exertion must be spared. The next two months will probably decide the fate of our Periodical, and shew whether our friends generally wish to have such a monthly vehicle of intelligence and instruction, or whether they are content to return to their former state of non-intercourse and apathy. We, at Montreal, are willing to labour, and do all in our power to sustain the undertaking; many zealous individuals in both Provinces, have shewn a determination to co-operate with us; and will not the denomination generally, and the members of other communities also, cheer and encourage us by their prompt and necessary aid? We cannot suppose an alternative, or cherish a doubt.

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