

we should cultivate a national literature of our own. There is much in all the magazines we have seen from other countries—and they are legion in number—that is not at all adapted to Canadian minds and homes. Our political, municipal, and educational systems differ from those of other lands, and in most respects are vastly superior. We must have a literature corresponding with the tastes and pursuits of the people, and which shall be a fair representation of our enlarged views of personal liberty and religious freedom. In carrying out this idea of Canadian enterprise, there may be an occasional divergence from the definitions of any prospectus which could be written, but any departure from our own will always be in the interest of humanity, for the development of Christian power, and for the purpose of securing the great and glorious ends of Christian organization.

We designed to make this initial chapter *short*. It has already grown more than was meant. And yet we have not said all we should like to say. We confess to a degree of enthusiasm in this business of issuing a Canadian Christian Monthly. Where is the use of allowing others to outstrip us in any thing? We have the means of excelling all others even in this particular. We ask you, therefore, to help us to make a fair start. Before you cease reading these introductory lines, resolve to send your name as a subscriber, and make an effort to increase the list, that before the end of the year we may have five thousand subscribers. If that number is attained we promise to add ninety-six pages to the second volume, without increasing the price.

- We have pleasure in stating that already valuable articles have reached us from talented correspondents, whose contributions will hereafter enrich our pages. The present issue may, therefore, be considered only as a general indication of the style and character of this Magazine, but by no means as a perfect specimen of what we consider attainable. By a cordial union of effort it is certain our Wesleyan Repository will become a standard of sound and useful literature.

Before retiring, our EDITORIAL CONTEMPORARIES will permit us to make our *very best bow*. We shall keep on friendly terms with you all. We are not competitors against you, but copartners with you, and we hope so to conduct ourselves that you will never have occasion to be ashamed of our company. If at any time we should have reason to differ from you, we shall express our opinions in an honest, candid, manly way. So now bid us welcome, and we shall then cheerfully go on our way.