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Our Object.

It cannot be denied that there is room for an organ, such as it will be our endeavour to make the *Fiery Cross*, to represent *Scottish-Canadian* sentiment in the Dominion. That sentiment finds expression, in almost every centre in Canada, in the form of societies having for their objects the preservation of all that is noble in the history and tradition of the "Old Country," the cultivation of a desire to emulate the spirit of that nobleness, the desire to assist one another in the battle of life, and for the promotion of social good-fellowship.

There is nothing antagonistic or detrimental to the Spirit of a truly Canadian sentiment in such objects; the man who is proud of the land of his birth, and who, therefore, wishes to be a credit to it—if he cannot add to its laurels, he can at least leave them untarnished—that man can only succeed in his object by being true to the land of his adoption. This, at any rate, is a maxim of ours.

It will be our endeavour to form a connecting link between *Scottish-Canadian* societies in their different centres; a medium through which they can become better-known to one another; and through which they will be able to ventilate their ideas as to the best ways and means of furthering their objects.

We repeat that there is nothing detrimental to a true Canadian sentiment in objects such as these. In the words of a patriotic *Scottish-Canadian*, the Very Rev. Principal Grant, "we want no *Scottish barnacles*." Fossils are of interest only to the naturalist. Canada is a nation as yet in the process of building, albeit not as

yet without a history. But a written history of Canada must necessarily begin with the history of the *Canadian Peoples*—we say *Peoples* advisedly. Canada is absorbing many races in the making, and those races must be willingly absorbed if the Confederation of British North America is to be a success. Nevertheless, future generations of Canadians will want to know from whom and whence they came. They will feel that they have a part in the histories of the different peoples who combined in the making of Canada. With the histories of England, of Scotland, and of Ireland, will always begin the history of the English-speaking world. The Scots are admittedly entitled to a share, neither inconsiderable or unimportant, in the building of our "glorious Dominion." We believe there are many historical facts and relics relating to the early *Scottish-Canadian* pioneers that would be well-worth collecting, that would be of interest, not only to their own immediate descendants, but to Canadians in general. We hope to do something in this way; and with our cousins from "Merrie England" and from the Emerald Isle doing their parts, a particularly interesting whole ought to be the result. Sectional histories are always interesting and valuable.

Another feature, for which we expect a welcome, is our musical column. The words and the music of one or other of the "Auld Scotch Songs" will appear in each number.

We would also draw attention to the first of a series of articles on the Clan Armory-bearings; and to our Portrait Gallery.

In conclusion, we are glad to learn from the numerous promises of support we have already received, that the want we wish to supply is so generally recognised. Let these promises be fulfilled, and we will faithfully endeavour to do our part.

OUR NEXT ISSUE.—In our next issue, in addition to PART II of "Bards and Lays of Caledonia," and "The Clans, their Crests, Badges, etc.," there will appear the first instalment of an interesting historical paper read by the Hon. A. B. Mackenzie on the occasion of the Jubilee Celebration of Strathalbyn, P. E. I.; a contribution on the "MacDonalds of Glenalladale in Lower Canada," by the Rev. A. MacLean Sinclair; "A Relic of Culloden," by the kind permission of Lieut.-Col. J. MacPherson of Ottawa, and several other interesting articles.

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