

zines is not very large, and by no means precludes the demand for similar periodicals of a native origin and native sympathies. The interests of this country are so grave, and its prospects so important, that it is entitled to ask for a literature which shall occupy in its discussions a Canadian stand-point, and give prominence to Canadian questions.

We offer to the public a Magazine which will endeavor to justify its title of "Canadian." We know well how much we owe, in all departments of thought, to the literature of Europe and the United States; but we are persuaded that new communities must have new adaptations of old things, new combinations of intellectual materials, new channels for the flow of thought. Such a community we have in Canada; and we, as members of that community, wish to write in sympathy with it, and, so far as our influence may reach, to impregnate the public mind betimes with those sentiments and principles which make nations great.

That there may be no uncertainty regarding our ecclesiastical position and views, we have named the magazine "*The Canadian Presbyterian*." We do not profess to advocate that vague Christianity which is sometimes called Catholic, and which, attempting to comprehend all parties, really satisfies none. Our convictions of religious truth are clear, our principles of ecclesiastical order are decided; and we believe it to be a duty to declare and defend them, without any such fear of man as brings a snare, and without any such morbid anxiety to please man as tempts to a compromise or concealment of truth. Accordingly, this magazine will not content itself with a few non-sectarian generalities. It asserts a Presbyterian position, while it is pledged to avoid everything in the tone and spirit of its discussions which might give just cause of offence to any evangelical community.

The Presbyterians of Canada already form an ecclesiastical body second to none in intelligence and character. They have a noble mission to accomplish,—to plant in this country, while yet it is young, those principles and institutions which the wisdom of our fathers has transmitted, and the worth of which the experience of centuries has powerfully confirmed. There are two great objects for which Canadian Presbyterians are, in our judgment, solemnly called to labor. Firstly, To dispel the vulgar and wicked prejudice against the Theology, commonly called Calvinistic, and to make known its Scriptural evidences and power. Secondly, To illustrate the advantages of the Presbyterian Church-polity, in its adaptation to the circumstances of any and every country, the facilities it supplies for the discharge of all the functions that properly belong to the Church, and the securities it provides for the order of Christ's house and the liberties of Christ's people.

It is duty and policy to promote these great ends, and to concentrate our efforts on these. Let the pulpit and the press combine to propagate a Scriptural Theology, and establish a Scriptural Church. No selfish or sectarian motives, but the highest considerations of piety and patriotism, call us to the work. Piety! since the honour of Christ and the weal of immortal souls are involved