

EDITORIAL.

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It is not without feelings of profound gratification that we address our readers through the pages of the CANADIAN METHODIST MAGAZINE. We have received great pleasure from the numerous expressions of sympathy with its establishment which have already reached us. We hope that we have not disappointed the expectations of our friends, which we know were high, in this first number. We feel, nevertheless, a great solicitude as to the future of this important enterprise. We are not insensible as to the difficulty of the undertaking and the weight of the responsibility which it involves. Where so many literary ventures have failed, can this new candidate for public favour succeed? We believe that it can; for next to our dependence upon the blessing of God is our confidence in the Methodist people of this Dominion. We appeal, therefore, to their loyalty and liberality to aid us, by their patronage, and sympathy, and influence, to furnish a periodical which shall be worthy of our country, our Church, and our people.

We hope to make our Magazine an exponent of the religious and intellectual life of our rapidly extending Church, a bond of union between its widely severed parts, and the vehicle for the expression of the most mature thoughts of its best thinkers. We purpose also to give a brief life-record of the noblest examples of Christian character among us, to furnish wholesome reading for Christian households, and to foster the growth of a sound native literature in our young Dominion. We shall endeavour to promote all the varied interests of our common Methodism, and to further its great mission of spreading Scriptural Holiness throughout the land. We shall seek also, with the aid of able contributors, to discuss the religious and social problems, the