

nor our investigation the vehicle of indulgence for the gratification of those passions which too often degrade the noblest work of the Deity, and lower man to the level of the most vicious brutes.

To say that our views in appearing as Actors on the public stage are perfectly disinterested would be exposing ourselves to the suspicion of a want of candour; to affirm however that our first and principal inducement is the hope of contributing our mite to the instruction of the many, and the entertainment of our fellow citizens is certainly the real truth. The attainment of these combined ends, namely, profit, utility and pleasure, would undoubtedly fill up the measure of our utmost ambition.

It seems that one ought to be discouraged to offer such a kind of work as this to the public after the failure of many of the same nature. Indeed the difficulty attending the attempt appears almost invincible. Immersed in mercantile speculations the greater part of the Canadian Community think they have hardly leisure to bestow any time on any other object, preferring profit to intellectual improvement. The mixture of individuals whose language and religion, manners and ideas, are so diversified adds still to the difficulty of success, especially when connected with the party prejudices that are the necessary result of such heterogeneity of social elements. It is nevertheless hoped that whatever difficulties such an undertaking do present, they may be overcome by a strict adherence to the engagements entered into by the editor towards the public.

He begs leave therefore to solicit the encouragement that it will be his constant endeavour to deserve; and to state in a few words the nature of those engagements.

The offered publication is to be a monthly periodical one, in which variety will be a predominant feature. It shall consist in essays on every subject that can embrace the instruction and the entertainment of the reader. Nothing short of a deviation from the rules of political, social, or moral decency shall preclude the admission into our columns of those communications with which we may be favoured and which will be accepted (free of expences) from Correspondents with due gratitude.