

REVIEWS.

THE "CATHOLIC SHIELD."

A NEW candidate for public favor has appeared in Ottawa called the *Catholic Shield*, Subscription: one dollar a year; single copy 10 cents; we give it a hearty welcome, and hope for it many years of usefulness. We cannot do better than let it speak for itself, and therefore, give its salutatory in full:—

The publication of a Catholic Periodical, whose tone and actual performance shall be in strict keeping with the character it assumes, is an undertaking of no ordinary importance, and involves a consequent risk and labor of a most serious nature. In issuing the first number of the *Catholic Shield*, we are fully impressed with the magnitude of our task, and the care to be exercised in its proper management, while we are keenly alive to the duties which shall devolve upon us as it grows apace. It was only after a patient survey of our chosen field of labor, and honest study of the workmen already there, that we determined upon a periodical with an unclaimed furrow before it. How vast the field we stand in, how much its tillers have achieved, and wherein they have failed, we propose not at present to discuss. Only this shall we say, that there is yet many a sod unturned, many a boulder and stub untouched, and consequently ample employment for another laborer.

We enter upon our self-allotted work with no pretensions of supplying "a want long felt," in the Catholic community; in no spirit of opposition to any existing journal; not as an administrator of ecclesiastical authority or director of private conscience; not to pander to sectarian prejudices or promote useless inquiry or idle controversy; but to assist, in a modest way, in propagating what is true and combating what is false in Religion, Philosophy, Science, Social Economy, History, and the Arts; and in cultivating a popular taste for the True, the Beautiful, and the Good. We have no other aim but this,—to place before Catholic readers a careful review of the leading questions of the day in their relation to the Universal Church,

and a monthly digest of important events the world over.

For this purpose, we have secured the services of gentlemen who, while they do not pretend to be "the best talent the country can produce," are well versed in every subject they propose to handle, and are no novices in journalism. With their valuable aid, besides occasional contributions from other writers of merit, we hope to make the *Catholic Shield* a useful and welcome family magazine, ever faithful to its mission, alive to Catholic interests, and preserving that dignity in tone and bearing which becometh Catholic journalism. So much said, we ask the support of an intelligent Catholic community, and rely upon their outside assistance for our success.

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The June number contains handsomely illustrated articles on The Chimpanzee and Gorilla, Ostrich Farming, New Fireless Locomotive, The Maxim Fire Boat, Perforating Machine, a new and novel Embroidering Frame, the new Electric Middlings Purifier, and a number of other handsome illustrations, besides a large number of interesting articles not accompanied by engravings.

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