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IN presenting the first number of our Magazine to the public, we do not feel that an apology is necessary ; as the community at large feel the increasing necessity of such publications. The rising generation requires useful reading matter to be laid before them, and if not supplied with knowledge that will instruct, and be calculated to make them good members of society, they will most assuredly seek after that which will have a most poisonous influence upon their lives and morals. Our free-school system, so happily established throughout the greater part of the Dominion is calculated to increase the intelligence of the country, and to make our people a reading people, and all right-thinking men must therefore feel the importance of guiding the public mind into those paths which lead to intelligence, loyalty and religion.

Our monthly will be *independent* in politics, *unsectarian* in religion, and in this we are quite sure we will meet the approbation of our readers. Men are growing weary of political trickery and deception by which unfortunately the public have too often been deceived, and the advantage has been taken of such ignorant men who make it their boast "that all the

news they require they find in the Bible." Our periodical will not be identified with either liberals or conservatives, but on all great questions we will be free to express ourselves according to our highest light and deepest conviction. Indeed we intend to leave political matters to those more deeply versed in them than ourselves, and shall only speak upon the subject when duty and loyalty demand it.

Our people too are growing tired of religious squabbles which have no tendency to improve our natures, or make men better, but rather the opposite ; for where the spirit of Jesus dwells there we will find true charity and lasting peace, and not schisms, anger, malice and discord. We will endeavor then to throw oil on the troubled waters of political and religious strife which so unhappily exists among our fellow Protestants. With pain we have witnessed the effects of such strife in years past, and we promise that our magazine, which we name "*The Rose of Sharon Monthly*," shall be free from any tendency in that direction. We hope to be able to make it a welcome visitor to loyal men of all parties and of every name ; and instead of magnifying our differences it will be our