

There are those who desire a multitude of short articles, each extending over one or two pages only, interspersed with extracts and anecdotes. This is the idea of persons whose reading has been confined very much to newspapers, and who have never formed a taste for that more thorough and, therefore, more lengthened discussion of a topic, which is appropriate to a monthly magazine. From the same 'newspaper' ideal comes the wish to have a smaller proportion of literary criticism, and a larger space given to paragraphs of intelligence. Our answer to such suggestions must be, that we write for thoughtful readers who are not to be satisfied with scraps and snatches of knowledge, and that our periodical is fashioned on a different ideal and plan from a newspaper, and would be marred by a departure from its own proper character.

We understand, that in some quarters, there also exists a desire to know the authorship of the various articles as they appear. The plan at present pursued is that which is followed by all the respectable British Magazines, and possesses obvious advantages. It is intended, however, at the close of the first volume, to assign to the various articles, in the index, the names or initials of the writers.

With these statements and explanations, we venture to ask for this Magazine the sympathy and support of intelligent, Christian men. And we add an advice in the language of Lord Bacon:—"Read not to contradict and confute, nor to believe and take for granted, nor to find talk and discourse, but to weigh and consider."

A MODEL CONGREGATION.

We have our Model Schools, in which everything connected with the teaching art is shown to perfection—teachers, apparatus, and scholars are all the best of their kind, and nothing is wanting either in the way of ornament or use that can conduce to the improvement of the rising generation. We have also our Model Farms, conducted on the "most improved principles" of scientific agriculture, with neat, trim buildings, offices, and gardens; well-fenced and carefully cultivated fields, and ingenious labour-saving implements for the special work of the various seasons. The young farmer may there be taught how to make the wilderness a smiling paradise. We have, too, our Model Prisons, comfortable places according to the latest accounts, well warmed and ventilated (rare phenomena); well provided with substantial food, and but sparingly with painful modes of punishment; in which a tender regard is shown for the health, reformation, and general welfare of the criminal: altogether these Pentonvilles are most desirable lodging-places for our Arab population. We have, further, our Model Lodging-houses, got up by the benevolence of the wealthy in our great cities to promote the health and comfort of the honest and industrious artizan—to rescue his wife and family from the pestilence and filth which abounds in crowded lanes and courts of old cities, in which for the most part the homes of the working people are situated. These are noble institutions, and although not quite so stately or ornate in their architecture, so spacious in their accommodations, or so perfect in their sanatory arrangements as our Prisons are, they yet approximate in the excellency of their arrangements and of their comforts to these enviable seclusions provided for the vicious. But