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INTRODUCTORY OBSERVATIONS.

THE prospectus already issued, and extensively circulated, indicates with sufficient precision the proposed characteristics of this new claimant on public favour. It is thought best, however, to assign some reasons for the publication, and to explain more fully the motives which have influenced those who have undertaken its issue.

Some fifteen years ago an esteemed minister of our Church, since gone to his reward, placed in the hands of the writer a prospectus of a Magazine similar to the one now before the reader. It was his opinion then, in which we concurred, that there was a demand for a monthly periodical which should be essentially Wesleyan in its character, but established on the basis of Christian Catholicity. It was thought that in addition to our weekly organ there should be another periodical, less ephemeral, which should contain standard articles of current religious literature, worthy of preservation in an annual volume. We have reason to believe that had such a magazine been established then it would have been cordially sustained by our best writers, and cheerfully supported by our people. That however was not attempted, and it was left to others to carry out a good design, which we think, will now be heartily sustained.

Years have passed away, and in the mean time our Church and country have grown amazingly. Our religious and educational progress has been most remarkable, and must afford the highest gratification to every Wesleyan philanthropist. But our national growth presents a reason why we should no longer delay the publication of a periodical which shall not only afford evidence of prosperity, but which shall be the means of administer-