

no instance consciously violated the laws of Christian charity, whose characteristic aim it is, to hold the truth in righteousness, to speak the truth in love, and to seek the propagation of the truth by those weapons only, which she can consistently employ.

To those respected correspondents, whose varied communications have adorned and enriched our pages, we tender our respectful thanks, and cheerfully accord to them their full share of the favour which our miscellany has met from the Christian public.

It may not be amiss, by anticipation, to thank those Christian friends—and Christian Ministers especially—from whom we may, with justifiable confidence, expect some interesting communications for our second volume. These respected brethren need not be told that the measure of their responsibility is co-extensive with their power and opportunity of doing good, and that the plea of inability is only to be admitted when an attempt has been made, and proved abortive. The elucidation and enforcement of divine truth, the delineation of Christian character, the narration of well authenticated occurrences illustrative of either—are departments of composition to which none of our beloved brethren can plead incompetence, and by occasional attention to which, in the way of contribution to the *Harbinger*, they may, by the divine blessing, instrumentally promote those great interests which are so justly dear to them. Denominational considerations should also have their due weight in determining the strength of the claim which we now most respectfully prefer to their kind co-operation. We venture also to express our earnest hope that all who approve the principles and spirit of this miscellany will endeavour to extend its circulation, and by augmenting the number of our readers to increase our returns and extend our influence. The *Harbinger* is now, in Britain as in Canada, the recognized organ of the Congregational Churches in this Colony, and whilst this lays us under no slight measure of editorial responsibility, we sincerely trust that the members of these Churches will cherish and sustain a work, thus formally placed beneath their patronage, and pledged to the promotion of their welfare.

NOTABLE APHORISMS.—We select the following from the “The Church” of December

2, partly to aid in the promulgation of the admirably condensed logic they contain, and partly to put our friends, on the other side of the water, on their guard against the equally obnoxious practices of commendation or of censure. *We have happily no dissenters in Canada—because there is here no ESTABLISHED SECT; but it would be a pity to deprive either the “Churchmen” or Dissenters of Great Britain, of this intellectual production of our virgin soil. It may be safely doubted whether anything has appeared in modern times, more admirably fitted to demonstrate the impolicy and inexpediency of saying any thing good, bad, or indifferent in relation to the parties whom the judicious and prudent editor of “The Church” so worthily represents. At the risk of being charged with the perilous design of praising him, we profess our anxiety to secure for him the sole, exclusive, undivided merit of these Aphorisms,—and if we were dissenters, we should deem it good policy to abstain from all reference to persons whom it is so difficult to please.—ED. HARBINGER.*

“When a Dissenter praises a Churchman, it is a sure proof that the Churchman has been unfaithful to his principles. When a Dissenter condemns a Churchman, it is a sure proof that the Churchman has acted as a consistent believer in the existence of ‘One Catholic and Apostolic Church.’”

ENLIGHTENED ZEAL.—The following is the peroration of a speech delivered at the late meeting of the Congregational Union in Liverpool, by the Rev. J. A. James of Birmingham. It is a splendid specimen of Christian eloquence, inspired by Christian patriotism. Surely Bigotry must stand abashed and confounded by such sentiments as these,—sentiments, in spirit and expression, so consonant with the best and purest emotions of every heart that has been touched and transformed by the Spirit of truth and love!—

*All that we do at home, is something done abroad. Every minister from his pulpit preaches every Sunday for the inhabitants of the other side of the globe, as well as for those who are within the reach of his voice. The more you multiply Christians, the more you multiply praying men, to bring down the blessing of God upon the world at large. Why, the tear of penitence does not drop in a single instance in this land, without being felt, in some way or other, at the antipodes. And therefore we go on doing good abroad, by doing good at home. I do not say, that we are to stop in our other efforts, till we have perfectly evangelized Britain; but I say, that we are more perfectly to evangelize Britain, that we may more perfectly evangelize the World. My Christian*