

an industrious, and a loyal population. If, however, on any occasion, the force of example shall so far involve us in the current of its stream as to impel us to the occupation of any portion of our work with reading of a more volatile or amusing description, the more serious part of our readers must not be over fastidious in censuring our deviation from the declared path of our system. If works of fancy have made such deep inroads upon the taste and feelings of our age, we cannot be expected to counteract their effects. We may indeed plant the oak amidst a wilderness of roses, but we cannot compel the traveller to admire its soundness and durability in preference. At all events, as we anticipate readers of various tastes and feelings, it may not be altogether improper to study their innocent propensities, in so far as they will be consistent with the main principle of our undertaking; and we trust, that, if in administering such gratification to one at the expence of another, we shall reluctantly be impelled from the strict path of our duty, the public will excuse both an unintentional misdemeanour on our part, and reconcile themselves to one another by that generosity of sentiment for which we shall always be proud to hold them up as supereminently exemplary.

Besides selected articles from other publications, we intend that this work shall also contain *original* matter of such a local and general character as shall render it at once useful and entertaining to all classes of society. Let commerce continue to ply her enriching and enterprizing oar—agriculture convert the barren wilderness into beauty and cultivation—education enlighten and ripen the tender mind into strength, maturity and wisdom—and mechanism comfort and moralize an industrious peasantry:—and, so far as the influence of our feeble efforts can extend, no pains shall be spared...no trouble grudged to encourage and strengthen what, in every age, have been considered so essentially useful in forwarding the designs of a beneficent Providence, and the general welfare and happiness of the human race. On all these important subjects, as well as topographical, botanical, and mineralogical details of the beauties and resources of this country, we shall always be most happy to receive communications from the judicious and enlightened—and we invite them to a free and hearty access to our acquaintance.

Poetry—the delight and study of the age—the soother of sorrows—and the never-failing source of amusement to the young in years and elastic in spirit—must not be discarded. A due proportion of our pages shall be allotted for the selection of published and unpublished verse; and we pledge ourselves to render this little, but interesting, department of our duty both amusing and instructing to our readers.

It will here be unnecessary to recapitulate the minor subjects which it is our intention to introduce to the monthly perusal of our readers. These will be found in their proper places in another part of the work; and will form the pattern of all future numbers.

Let us, in conclusion, throw ourselves into the arms of a generous and feeling public—sincerely trusting, that, if *our* part shall be performed with candour and impartiality, no encouragement—no protection shall be withheld, on *their* part, from the interest and prosperity of THE CANADIAN MAGAZINE.