

Our columns will always be open to the many elegant writers we have among us, who may favour us with their contributions; for there are many with leisure time on their hands during the long winter evenings, who are anxious to keep their pen in practice, and their brains from congealing, and to whom literary labor is more a source of amusement than a task, aside from that feeling of consciousness, which is so natural to all, that perhaps their efforts have tended to develop some hidden talent in our midst, and to promote the spread of sound, judicious, and useful information.

Our Future.

“In our present union lies our future greatness.”

NO period since the memorable day on which England vested in this colony the power to govern itself, is more appropriate than the present to place before Canadians, the necessity of having in Canada but one nationality. Our task would be a bold one indeed, were we to attempt to bring within the narrow compass of these pages, all the considerations of which the subject is pregnant, nor is this our intention: to present to view a few facts, to merely enunciate the “first truths” of the thesis; such must be our theme.

We do not mean by the words which we have used in the title of this paper, to convey the idea that in the permanency of the union between the two sections of the Province, lies our future greatness; it may so happen that the continuance of this union beyond a certain period, may be fraught with peril. The present union of course, nominally makes of the two sections one people, but it is from a very different union, from a sentiment much holier than that which surrounds the present political compact, that we augur for our people strength and national greatness. We do not advocate what is termed a homogeneous population for Canada; we do not think this practicable, judging from the past, and were it practicable, we would long hesitate before attempting this expedient. The Anglo-saxon and the Celt, the Milesian and the Teuton, must yet for ages hold the soil of Canada in common: let them live as friends, as good neighbors; such is what we mean when we talk to them of having but one nationality.

Let us leave to children the idea, that homogeneity can be effected by act of Parliament, (although we all know that an act of parliament