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OUR SUCCESS AND PROSPECTS.

Four months have elapsed since our Magazine was introduced to the attention of our friends and the public ; and we have to express our grateful sense of the kind approbation with which it has been received. The launch of a new ship is always an event of some anxiety to the ship-owner and builder, and the anxiety is not entirely relieved till the first "trial trip" or voyage has been safely accomplished. Only then are her points of sailing ascertained—her best trim, her speed, and her behaviour in a rough sea. Some such anxiety the conductors of this Magazine have experienced. But now that the stout ship *Canadian Presbyterian* is fairly launched, and has actually made three successful trips, without straining a timber, or springing a leak, or running on a shoal, we are emboldened to think, that her build, and tonnage, and steadiness are such as the times require, and shall hope to send her forth on many voyages, laden with ripe monthly fruits of study and of thought.

But to drop metaphor, we have pleasure in expressing our obligation to the esteemed contributors who have enriched our stores of original articles—to the Presbyterian Ministers and other friends who have exerted themselves so promptly to bring the Magazine into circulation—and to those contemporaries of the Provincial press in whose columns our publication has received a courteous recognition. Already the circulation is such as to ensure the undertaking against failure ; but a very considerable enlargement is required to place it in advantageous circumstances, and secure to it a supply of valuable literary material. From many parts of the Province, where the Presbyterian interest is strong, we have not yet received a single subscription ; and in many others, the list of subscribers sent might, by a little personal exertion, easily be doubled. With this Number we have sent blank lists for the names of additional subscribers, and shall feel indebted to every one of our present supporters who will return his list with one or more names from his own vicinity. Early applications should be made, as the editions of the back numbers are almost exhausted. A word or two may be added in regard to the plan on which the Magazine is conducted.