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We think it fitting, now that we have fully completed the first half-year of publication, that we should refer briefly to the course gone over and our prospects for the future.

The TEACHER, as the public is well aware, is entirely a *private* enterprise, dependent for support upon its own merits. It is designed to reflect the opinions of the leading educationists, both in Canada and other countries, and owes allegiance to no established power, nor is it in any way controlled by any authority outside the editorial staff. It aims to furnish the profession with the most advanced ideas on all matters connected with their interest, and whenever it can encourage the faithful teacher or stimulate the laggart, it never fails to accept the opportunity.

Though it has only reached the eighth No. of publication, it has met with a degree of success that is alike gratifying and encouraging. There were some who predicted for it an early demise—alleging that there were not public spirit and enterprise enough among teachers to sustain such a

periodical. The publishers felt, however, that the public teachers were anxious to have an independent journal—that they would only be too glad to have the privilege of perusing the columns of a fresh, original periodical, in full sympathy with themselves, and that in their hands there would be no danger of suffering from the want of support necessary to make it self-sustaining. With this idea the enterprise was undertaken, and both from the public press of the country, and among the profession, has met with the most flattering reception.

So far as our intentions for the future are concerned, we can only say that no effort on our part will be spared to make the TEACHER still more worthy of success. All the original matter we can command will find space in our columns. Whatever will give tone and elevation to the profession will always receive publicity. We seek no complimentary support. We ask no stretch of patronizing generosity. We go forth to the public to deserve what we get so far as we can, and to place in the hands of the