

most part, scattered about the country; their favorite pursuit or study, consequently, too often wants the definite character which belongs to more combined efforts. This defect it is the object of this Journal to supply.

Every diligence will be used to obtain the requisite information on all topics which fall within the objects of the Journal.

The Editors pledge themselves, not to admit into its pages any communication which could possibly give just ground for offence, and that all articles shall have an elevating tendency; they resolve to exclude controversy, and to make the whole a repository of facts, rather than opinions, and a medium of general information to the reader.

With these ideas, this publication has been devised and originated by the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Montreal, believing it to be a legitimate branch of the Society's work.

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"'Tis not in their power to command success,  
But they'll do more, deserve it."