

To occupy this field, THE GUARDIAN has been started; to bring into play the literary tastes of the community; to afford an opportunity for those, who wish to improve themselves by writing, to bring their works before the public, and thus to hinder their powers from lying dormant—in short, to encourage a home literature. The question then arises: What is to be written upon, when party politics and sectarianism are to be carefully shunned? To this is answered, we have a fine Province that requires advancement in many ways, and will afford topics enough for the most prolific pen. We cannot be expected to have the legends of an old country—to gather such from some dusty and worm eaten volume, that has long escaped notice in the muniment room of “Castle eld,” is denied us; but surely in our history and even in our every day life there must be some “moving accidents by flood and field” that are as well worth recounting as tale of fay or goblin. Gallant Knights with lance in rest “satis peur, satis reproche,” we have not, but are there not the Loyalists, without reproach or fear, overcoming the giant troubles that obstruct the career of the first Colonist of the wilderness; and had they not wives and daughters as beautiful, and having more womanly virtues, than the “Ladye faire” of old romance? We have the primeval forest, the remnant of the red men, land and sea, hill and dale, for the imaginative. Human nature is here; action, passion, and thought, can therefore, be examined by the speculative. The soil, trade, navigation, the wonders of sea and land, are they not as patent to us as to the inhabitants of other lands, or do ours require no chronicling?

The subject of Parish School Education shall receive a fair share of our space: questions of importance to the Teacher, Parent, and Scholar, shall be discussed from time to time—encouragement is now given to the Teacher to ask information from his brethren through the Magazine, or to explain his views upon school matters. Whoever feels an interest in this subject and wishes to bring before the public anything likely to assist in its advancement may rest assured of a welcome to our pages.

Kind reader, wishing you a happy New Year, we lay our work before you, not without hopes of kindly support in many quarters, and forbearance in all.