

We have been blamed by some of our friends for not having sent them our first number, this apparent neglect did not proceed from any disrespect for them, but from a *sense of delicacy* on our part. Had we sent it immediately, it might have been considered as laying on them the obligation of Subscribing, before they had the opportunity of knowing the nature or even the existence of the work. This motive of delicacy however was removed, in a great degree, by the readiness with which most of our friends came forward, to insert their names on our list of Subscribers.

Nous aurions bien voulu dès le commencement de l'existence de ce mélange périodique, qu'il nous eut été possible de converser et de communiquer avec ceux de nos concitoyens qui n'ont pas fait une étude assez approfondie de la langue Anglaise pour la lire avec plaisir et avec fruit. Mais l'Imprimerie dont nous faisons usage pour sa publication n'est point munie des caractères nécessaires pour imprimer dans la langue Française. Nous espérons cependant, si nous recevons un encouragement suffisant, que cet obstacle sera bientôt surmonté par l'acquisition des matériaux qui nous manquent.

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C. D. E. TO HIS FRIENDS.

What is that? *An Enquirer!* and by C D'E? what in the name of fortune can induce the old fellow to intrude on the public his antiquated and out of the way notions, and the effusions of his dotage! That and a great deal more has already been said, on the sight of the first number of the periodical miscellany launched into the Canadian world under that title. The answer to the above question as well as to any other of the same tendency, will be dictated by that candor that proceeds always from rectitude of intention.

C D'E: is really an odd kind of a fellow, who has no relish for those pursuits that are in general the prevalent ones in the world. He finds no pleasure in eating, drinking, gambling, swearing, racing, coursing, shooting, flattering, fawning, cringing, dressing, slandering, and a long strain of &c. &c. &c.s, even his bed becomes irksome after six or seven hours laying in it. When young, the vital spirits, being then stronger than the mental faculties, led him to participate in the greater part of these gratifications, but arrived at more mature years their chiefest attraction vanished, and the mental faculties