

minds of the members of that Association of the importance of such a publication, that a resolution was passed to the effect that the Association judged a Religious Newspaper to be better suited than a Magazine to the objects sought by such publication and pledged themselves to use their utmost efforts to maintain a Newspaper in case it should be undertaken. Several individuals were also ready to pledge themselves personally to take a considerable number of copies in the several districts where they reside; some were ready to take this pledge to the extent of fifty and possibly a hundred copies. It becomes therefore evidently the duty of the Baptist Churches in this Province seriously to consider the subject of a Religious Newspaper either in addition to, or in the place of the Magazine. If both could be sustained, it would be unquestionably better. If only one, then it is necessary seriously to consider which would be the most efficient means for the promotion of the good cause, a Magazine or a Newspaper; and in order to facilitate enquiry on this important subject the following remarks are here offered.

A *Magazine* is a graver publication, is more conveniently bound up and preserved, and generally is supposed to indicate a more advanced state of society: but on the other hand, a Newspaper, because it admits a greater variety of subjects, and, while still religious, may be of a livelier character, is more popular, and better suited to a young country.

The sort of Religious Paper that is needed and which would meet the wishes of the New-Brunswick Churches, and probably of the community in this Province also, is one which should combine Public News, Commercial and Scientific information, together with Religious and Missionary intelligence and instruction, information respecting the progress of the Temperance cause, &c. It should in short be really a *Newspaper*, calculated to answer *all the purposes of utility* for which every serious person requires such a publication, while all that sort of matter often inserted in newspapers which either belongs merely to the department of amusement, or else in the estimation of religious and soberer persons is of doubtful tendency, should be replaced by articles that *directly* tend in the pleasantest and most attractive manner possible to enforce moral and religious truth, and give information respecting the general advancement of the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ. It should also be remembered that a Newspaper though rather less convenient in form for preservation than a Magazine, may nevertheless be bound and preserved as well as the latter. The size of the paper which would probably best answer the end in view, is about the same as that of the Halifax Journal or Acadian Recorder, and of course would be published on the same terms as those papers, that is to say 3 dollars in town, and 3½ dollars in the country including postage.

In point of circulation a Newspaper possesses great advantages. The Magazine comes out only six times in the year, and as it can-