

we design to pursue. We shall not exclude controversy when that weapon is necessary for the defence and triumph of truth. We hope, however, when it is deemed expedient to fight the good fight of faith, it will be with the "armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left." The *Magazine* will afford a suitable medium for the publication of well-written memoirs of the pious dead. Each number will also contain from six to eight pages of home and foreign religious intelligence. We design also to devote a due proportion of our pages to notices, more or less extended, of the current literature of the day, and thus to aid our readers in the selection of such books and periodicals as we judge most serviceable to their intellectual and religious improvement.

Our introductory notice must be regarded as indicating only the general scope of the varied contents of each number. But we cannot close without expressing the hope that the *Magazine* will be viewed as a favorable medium through which our best writers will employ their talents for the public good. We earnestly solicit their aid. Our aim is not rivalry, except that which provokes to love and every good work. And to all the friends of our church we say, give the *Wesleyan Magazine of Canada* a place in your homes, and use your influence to secure for it such an audience as will most successfully promote the object it seeks to accomplish.

THE PRINCE CONSORT.

A nation in mourning is an affecting sight! Such a scene has been witnessed in England during the last month. The death of the Prince Consort has caused sorrow as sincere and universal as was ever felt by the British nation. Though a foreigner, his intimate relationship to the reigning sovereign, his thorough naturalization, and the deep interest he manifested in whatever was designed to promote the prosperity of the nation that had received and cordially adopted him as one of its own sons, has rendered his unexpected and early death one of the saddest events in England's history. A name so endeared as his will be in the annals of his adopted country, invests a brief review of his life with a melancholy interest.

Albert Francis Augustus Charles Emmanuel of Saxe Cobourg, the second son of Earnest, the late Duke of Saxe Gotha, was born August 26th, 1819, and was therefore three months younger than Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, whose mother, the Duchess of Kent, was the sister of Prince Albert's father. The Prince had but one brother, the present Duke of Saxe Cobourg Gotha. The two sons were early deprived of a mother's care, in consequence of a domestic disagreement which resulted