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PLAIN SPEAKING.—I hope to utter nothing in the course of these lectures inconsistent with the courtesy of a gentleman, the patience of a scholar, and the candour and charity of a Christian. Any other line of conduct would disagree with the seriousness of my purpose, my consciousness of responsibility, my compassion for those whom I believe to be wrong, my reverence for the truth which I have to defend, my confidence in its power, and my persuasion that its effects would be weakened if my spirit were to misrepresent it. But on the other hand it would be repugnant to my nature, and unaccordant with my moral convictions, to search for gentle words when the strongest expressions are imperatively demanded. If we must sometimes have it so, *give us veracity before blandness*. I would rather perish in the iron gripe of an unpalatable truth, than be dandled and caressed by the velvet paw of deception and falsity. Be not offended with me if I call what I feel compelled to believe is inconsistency—*inconsistency*; falsehood—*falsehood*; hatred—*hatred*; nonsense *nonsense*; stuff—*stuff*.—*The Logic of Atheism*. Lect. I. Pp. 3, 4. By the Rev. HENRY BACHELON.

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ART. I.—OUR FIRST NUMBER.

Be it known to all whom it may concern, that in undertaking the responsibility of our situation as promoter of this periodical, we do so thoroughly independent of any and every party. "*The Canadian Patriot*" is not summoned into existence for the purpose of writing to the order of any triumvirate, clique, order, or sect.

We do not appear before the public to bolster up the wily schemes, or foster the

petty feuds, either of the small fry, or large fry of political intriguers. We know nothing either of the in's or the out's, the ministerialists or the oppositionists, as such.

As to our national sentiments, we are thoroughly British. "*The Queen and Constitution*" is our motto. And while professing allegiance to the greatest earthly Potentate of this age, we have no sympathy whatever with those who are seeking to change her mild pacific government, for that of an American monarchy. Allied by bonds of union and sympathy with old England, we would not for all the world, that those cords should be broken asunder. Thousands of her Majesty's liege subjects have adopted Canada as their home, and that, in preference to the States, from the simple fact, that it is under British rule.

We long to see those bonds of union drawn closer. We want all the artificial barriers, those relics of a by-gone age, to be cleared out of the way. The interests of England, and of Canada, ought to be identical. It is only mis-government that has made them otherwise. Canada, instead as is proposed, of seeking a separation from