

inspire curiosity in the perusal of our pages; and, above all, the failure of numerous attempts similar to our own;—all these put together, form an array which might well dissuade us from the prosecution of our plan. But our prospect is not altogether dark and overcast, without any bright spots of encouragement;—and we base our hopes of success—not on the brilliancy of intellect to be displayed in the matter of our Magazine, nor the charms of fiction, nor on solidity of opinion, nor on correctness in judgment,—but on the fact that a want exists, and that we are going to do our best to supply that want;—for the sale of an article does not depend upon high finish, appearance or quality, so much as upon its usefulness, upon how far it goes towards furnishing what is needed.

But, it will be asked, “What want are you going to supply? The alumni of Bishop’s College are not sufficiently numerous to support a Magazine, and some of them do not seem to take much interest in your proceedings?” True, we answer, they could not support a magazine; we do not expect them alone to do so; and that some of them do not take much interest in us, is we believe, in a great measure our own fault, because there is not shown, on our part, any interest in them; but the want we allude to is one which Synods, Provincial and Diocesan, have discussed; one which every member of the clergy deplors; one which all thinking members of the Church in the Lower Province feel somewhat ashamed of,—the want of some organ through which the views of the Church in the Dioceses of Quebec and Montreal may be heard. It is our intention, therefore, to throw our columns open to members of the Church, and to beg them to favour us with their communications: controversial articles indeed we beg to decline, being averse to party names, such as “High,” or “Low,” and wishing only to be known as Churchmen.

This being one great aim of our publication, surely we cannot be thought too sanguine in hoping that a moderate degree of support will be given us in our infancy, sufficient to enable us to outlive it, and to present to the world something more worthy of the structure which it represents.

But this point, though important, is not the only one to which we beg to invite your attention. Religion is of itself beautiful, but it is not well to present it in its most uninviting forms—morality has its own natural attractions, but there is no necessity for putting it always into a dogmatic shape; it is intended, therefore, in order to render the Magazine entertaining as well as useful, to introduce into each number one or more chapters of a story, which shall have this great advantage over the generality of light literature, that a good moral will form the basis; a story which parents need not be afraid of putting into the hands of their children, lest they should be led to look upon unrealities as true, and truth as unreal; but one which will instil the notion that religion is happiness, and uprightness of character the best possession.

The authorities of the University have consented to make use of us. In our columns will appear notices of interest to those connected with us; reports of Convocation; results of Examinations; prizes awarded; marks of distinction