

should be read by society, in preference to extreme partizan papers.

The premises upon which a portion of our political press base their statements,—namely, the support of every act of one party, and the condemnation of every act of the opposite party, whether right or wrong, is incorrect, and tends to lower the dignity of the press, and teach the public to disbelieve truth even when it is told. Some of our partizan papers seem to lose sight of truth and argument, and devote their energies to abuse those in opposition. False imputations, low slang and vulgarisms, are not good lessons for our youth.

The press, being so great a teacher, and so powerful for good or evil, should aim at truth and propriety of diction. When we think, that every page written, most every paper published, is read by thousands, and some by hundreds of thousands, how important it is, to publish truth and nothing but the truth.

HALIFAX AND QUEBEC RAILWAY.—The commencement of this important work is at hand. The agitation has commenced this time in the right quarter, England, where the money and influence is.—Whether the work will commence this year or not, one thing is certain, it cannot long be delayed. Great Britain must have access to Canada, through her own territory at all seasons of the year; and Canada, now a great and prosperous country, with national resources, must have a winter out-let through British Territory to the Atlantic Ocean; and Nova Scotia and New Brunswick require to be united, and with Canada also, by an inter-colonial line of railway. All things now contribute to the end:—that this gigantic undertaking will shortly be commenced.

NOVA SCOTIA GOLD DIGGINGS:—The fact of their being gold in Nova Scotia is now placed beyond dispute; whether sufficient to remunerate labor is not known. Probably its extent and richness will be fully ascertained during the summer of the present year, as several experienced miners have gone to Tangier River. The Government have laid off the district in lots of thirty by fifty feet, and charge ten pounds for the privilege of mining on each lot.

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This number closes the issue of our *Monthly*. In consequence of the new Postage Law of New Brunswick, which imposes a tax on native literature, in the Magazine form, we are forced to discontinue the publication of the *Instructor* in its present shape.

We cannot afford to pay *one fourth* the subscription price of the *Instructor* in postage, and depend upon the credit system for returns; besides, we should either have to increase the subscription price, or suffer a heavy loss, neither of which we are disposed to do,