

should be made to give the Magazine a new character and life, and to secure for it a circulation commensurate with its merits, and which may at once establish it as an independent and powerful organ of our Canadian Church. With the December number the present half year will close. Will it be advisable with that number to close also the present issue, and to commence in January an entirely new series, upon an enlarged and improved plan?

My own convictions and feelings favor this arrangement. I would enlarge the Magazine by the addition of 16 pages, thus making each number to consist of 64 pages. I would have whiter and thicker paper, blacker ink, a more attractive cover, a larger and uniform type for all the principal articles, and double columns and smaller type for miscellaneous articles. I would alter somewhat the present arrangement of articles, and while retaining for distinctness the existing sectional divisions, give special prominence to those articles which contain original, able, and independent discussions of important themes in theology, literature, science, ecclesiastical history, liturgical observance, &c. I would allow less space for "Tales," and supply a larger amount of miscellaneous and general information. In the Religious or Ecclesiastical intelligence department I would not so much *retail* the news of the Church as single out important and prominent events, and make them the basis of editorial comment, enunciating Church principles, commending or condemning public actions, furnishing legitimate criticism, and supplying proper arguments and motives. In my judgment the Magazine should not usurp the function of the newspaper. It has a province of its own, and that province is to discuss principles and facts rather than to narrate in detail the events to which they belong. In like manner I would occupy a larger space in the review of books, giving in each number a resume of the literature of the week, and passing on every work submitted for review a candid criticism,—an independent judgement. I would also occupy a limited portion of the Magazine in correspondence on Biblical and Ecclesiastical Questions, in which useful information may be supplied, and a friendly warfare carried on, without descending in any form to personal recrimination. As thus conducted, the Magazine should avoid the extremes of party on either side, yet boldly maintain sound Church views, uninfluenced by either Ritualism, or Latitudinarianism, or Evangelicalism, insisting upon a legitimate interpretation and honest observance of the Articles, Canons, and Rubrics of the Church, and pleading for unity, activity, and progress in science, in education, in missions, etc., for free churches, for an increase of the Episcopate, for a more efficient ministry, for better parochial organization, for more musical and hearty services, for renewed energy, more systematic teaching, and more thorough discipline in our Sunday Schools, &c., &c. I think it would be well to change the name of the Magazine, and adopt one of the following titles;—either CHURCH REVIEW, and Monthly Magazine, or CHURCH MAGAZINE, and Monthly Review. I prefer the former. I would arrange for a large advertising list, especially of books, and for a better system of proof-reading, by which all typographical errors may be avoided. And finally each number should be printed and in circulation by the first of the month.

With these alterations, I think the Magazine would be improved in both its appearance and character, and would soon become what from the first I have desired it might be, an able and independent organ for the advocacy of Church principles and the promotion of Church objects. It is not intended to make it the rival of any other existing journal.