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PROSPECTUS.

It has long been a matter of deep regret to many pious individuals, that no vehicle for disseminating Religious intelligence, has been successfully established in these Provinces. The effect which these *Heralds of the Cross* have produced, in the various parts of the world, wherever they have been instituted; and the defective state of intelligence relative to Religious concerns, have induced a number of individuals to form themselves into an association to undertake the accomplishment of this great desideratum. It would, perhaps, be a needless task to expatiate upon the wants of the Inhabitants in a Religious point of view, as they are so generally known to those, who have even the slightest knowledge of the *Canadas*.

It is certainly a matter of no small surprise, that so great and powerful an instrument as the Press, should not, ere this, have been effectually engaged in these Provinces, to disseminate the glad tidings of the Gospel.

To give this paper a general circulation, it is necessary to state, that it will be subject to no party views, nor sectarian spirit; and that it will preserve the strictest neutrality, with regard to disputed points of Faith.—It is intended, that it shall contain the current news of the day, in all the various fields of Religious exertion. A faithful account will regularly be given of the different Societies, which have arisen to extend the

knowledge and Kingdom of Christ; and no matter of any moment coming within the reach of the association, will be neglected, which may promise to arouse a spirit of enquiry in these Provinces, or excite a more earnest engagement in the cause of Religion.—No exertion will be spared to place the Paper upon that respectable footing, which may give it a currency among all classes. The managers, however, are well aware of the futility of promises, where a corresponding degree of exertion and ability is not exhibited. The cause in which they engage is a good one; and it may prove an adamant shield, to protect them from aspersion or obloquy, even if their talents should not be of that distinctive stamp, to place them beyond its reach. Should the public exhibit a willingness to patronise their exertions, they would hope to become the feeble instruments of effecting some good, in the *Canadas*. Their labour is that of Love and good-will to all men; and the consciousness of having accomplished some end for the extension of Christ's Kingdom, will be their only reward. The profits of the work (after having extended the size of the Paper, without any additional expense to Subscribers) will, according to a rule of the association, be applied to benevolent Institutions.

CLERGYMEN and others, who feel an interest in the prosperity of this establishment, are respectfully requested to lend their assistance in supplying original matter.—Communications, upon the present state of Religion in various parts of the country, would be particularly acceptable, addressed to W. HENGE, Secretary of the Association.