

## PREFACE.

Discussions on religious subjects have been carefully avoided. In the field of politics but few events of importance have happened; and the CANADIAN MAGAZINE, without hinting at the probable effects of these, or entering on the discussions relative to them, has confined this department to simply mentioning such changes or occurrences as have actually taken place. The notice of new publications, referring to this country, is a subject which became from its commencement within the scope of our miscellany; and we have omitted no opportunity to make this part of the work as interesting as possible. While we trust we have never shown undue severity towards merit, or withheld applause when it was deserved, we have never shrunk from exposing impostures in literature, even at the risk of bringing down upon us the censure of some well meaning individuals. No labour has been spared to render the original part of our work acceptable to our readers, and for their assistance in this we owe a heavy debt of gratitude to our valuable correspondents; and would beg to take this opportunity of soliciting a continuation of their favours. Considering, that to Canada readers, Canada must be the dearest theme, we have as far as possible endeavoured to fill this part of the work with subjects connected with the country or such as may become applicable to it. In our selections every attention has been bestowed to make them entertaining and instructive, and we have the consolation to find that the taste of our readers perfectly harmonises with that of the most approved writers and most eminent literary characters of the mother country.

In reviewing our labours in this stage, we have the satisfaction to find that the work is daily honoured with more extensive favour; and we now perceive with pleasure that the intelligent part of our community are sensible that "Monthly Magazines have opened a way for every kind of enquiry and information; and they have been the means of diffusing a general habit of reading through the nation which in a certain degree hath enlarged the public understanding."—*Dr. Kippis.*

*June 30th, 1824.*