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HAVING already, in our Prospectus, stated the plan of the Canadian Miscellany, and the principles on which it is intended to conduct it, we shall forbear entering into any farther explanation of our views, but commit the work to the candid judgment of our readers, in the hope that all its venial faults and imperfections will meet with reasonable indulgence.

The present number is almost wholly occupied by a Pastoral Letter from the Clergy of the Church of Scotland in these Provinces to their Presbyterian Brethren; to which we have subjoined, as a necessary accompaniment, the Circular Letter recently addressed by the Bishop of Quebec to his Clergy. These are documents of considerable importance; and, as they involve a variety of questions intimately connected with the objects of the present publication—on some of which we may have occasion to dilate in our subsequent numbers—we conceive that they form the most suitable introduction to our Miscellany.

On these documents we forbear to make any remarks, conceiving that they exhibit fully the views of the parties, and are amply sufficient to enable our readers to form for themselves a correct judgment with respect to the merits of the controversy. We cannot, however, forbear to express the gratification which we feel in observing that this controversy is conducted in a spirit of manly frankness, and in a tone of moderation and good feeling on both sides; which, contrasted as it is with the usual acrimony and violence of religious controversy, it is truly refreshing to contemplate.

It has been thought advisable—at least for the present—to publish monthly, instead of weekly, as was originally contemplated—as many of the topics which it is intended to discuss could not be comprehended within the limits of a weekly publication.

The leading article of our next number—which will appear early in May—will contain a view of the state and prospects of Education and Learning in the Canadas, with some strictures on the plan of the University proposed to be erected in Upper Canada.

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