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TO CANADIAN NATURALISTS.

Nearly two years ago a few working Naturalists, in their zeal and desire to aid in the advancement of the cause of science in general, and especially to be of assistance to the young in this direction, organized themselves into the nucleus of a society whose objects should be “to awaken and foster a more general interest in scientific knowledge, to induce young men and young women to engage in systematic study at home, and to afford its members the means for mutual assistance in the pleasing and ennobling study of Nature’s works.” It was to aid this laudable enterprise and to supplement the same that the publication of the SCIENTIST was undertaken, not indeed as exclusively the “organ” of the Society, but, on a liberal basis, to seek the same worthy ends. Upon these grounds we feel confident that

we shall have the sympathy and well wishes, as we trust we shall also have the tangible support and co operation of every Canadian Naturalist. And we hope to make our little journal of value to this class. We believe that such a periodical as the SCIENTIST aims to be is a growing necessity in Canada. While in the carrying out of our original purpose of encouragement and helpfulness to the young, much of the matter that shall appear in our columns must necessarily be of a somewhat elementary and untechnical character, still a large portion of our space is to be devoted to the interests of the *working Naturalists of Canada*. Among all the excellent periodicals which form so important a part of the growing literature of our country, there is, we believe, none in which earnest investigators in all departments of scientific work are accustomed to record, for mutual benefit, the results of their study. That the SCIENTIST may become such a journal, and be a worthy addition to Canadian scientific literature, is the ambition of its modest editor. Already a number of very eminent naturalists have, unsolicited, expressed their large approval of the undertaking, and kindly assured us of their willingness to render assistance. May we not confidently hope for similar good will on the part of all? In conclusion, we beg that the present appearance of the SCIENTIST may be considered as but the “embryonic state” of what shall, in its later developments, be a larger and more useful publication—useful and helpful to young and amateur naturalists, interesting and profitable to those of raturer years and larger experience.