

sketches of early perseverance and final excellence will not fail to be acceptable, and we trust in no small degree advantageous to the junior members of the profession to whom we must look for the support of its future honor and independence and the maintenance of its character for learning and intelligence. The first steps in their career must always be attended with difficulty and often encountered with reluctance. We believe that genius and industry are often united, but no doubt many young men whose innate ability fits them for high attainments are often careless, and these we hope to attract and by our lighter articles to allure to more extensive and vigorous research. It is also one of our pleasing anticipations that we shall be enabled to relieve by the shorter and lighter articles of our miscellanea the anxieties and the labor of professional duty. This department of our task, though less solemn than others, we trust will not be unproductive of agreeable reminiscence and that by the wit and vivacity of our contributions we shall be enabled sometimes to beguile our brethren of their severer meditations and to scatter over the walks of professional life a few of the flowers of literature.

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WE are desirous of avoiding what is petty and frivolous; let the improvements which are suggested for discussion through the medium of these pages be important and comprehensive. We will review legislation and give condensed reports of cases involving important principle, but the parliamentary and judicial summary will be confined to prominent points, avoiding all trifling topics and uninteresting details. We are especially desirous that our

pages shall be free from personality. Improvements will be proposed and abuses pointed out without acrimony towards individuals. Evils complained of and remedies suggested for their reform will be considered, and with this object in view the state of the law in the various provinces and existing institutions of foreign countries will be reviewed. A large number of gentlemen have consented to be contributors to this journal and a series of articles will appear from month to month on various questions of law and matters of interest to the profession.

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Arrangements will be made to have on file an extensive exchange list of the best journals published. From these shall be culled from month to month what is of general interest to the profession.

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The Editor of the publication to whom its general supervision has been confided, claims no merit of its composition. His duty is to collect the sentiment of his brethren and to suggest and advise. He may occasionally furnish some of the "raw material" of the work; but the skilful manufacture, the polish and completion of the fabric, he leaves to his learned coadjutors. His pride is to assist in promoting the interests of a body of men who require from him nothing but justice, who inculcate strict integrity of purpose, and who leave him free to the exercise of the most determined impartiality; who are willing that the door of temperate discussion should be thrown open to all, and that the most liberal preference should be given to communications of public interest concerning the administration of justice. For the best interest of the profession is identical with the welfare of the community.