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Reasons for Publishing the Presbyterian Magazine.

It is judged proper to explain, in the first number of the "Presbyterian," at greater length than could be done in a Prospectus, the objects which the Missionary Presbytery of the Canadas have in view in undertaking the publication of a Religious Periodical.

They believe that the United Secession Church in Scotland, in her Doctrines and Church Order, approaches nearer to the Apostolical Standard than any other Church. Her *doctrines*, being simply Scripture statements, embracing all that the Word of God teaches and nothing more. In her explanations of these statements, she neither with an unholy curiosity pries into mysteries, nor, in the pride of reason, attempts to accommodate them to the dogmas of an uninspired philosophy. Her *Church Order*, being no contrivance of human wisdom,—no system of expediency, but founded in all its leading principles on the New Testament. Presbyterianism occupies the middle ground between Episcopacy and Independancy, and is precisely that form which a Christian brotherhood would assume if left to itself.

Believing all this, the Missionary Presbytery regard themselves as bound by the most sacred obligations to build up the churches under their Pastoral care in "their most holy faith;" "that they being grounded and settled, may continue in the faith and may not be moved away from the hope of the Gospel which they have heard." Col. 1: 23.—"But may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ."

But not only is it their duty to stir up the members of their churches to steadfastness, by putting them in remembrance of those things which they know, and in the belief of which they are established, but also, by a constant iteration of the great principles of the Christian Faith, together with the necessary explanations and defences, so to indoctrinate the numerous young persons in their Churches, that their faith may not be the faith of habit and prejudice, but of enlightened conviction.

Owing to peculiar circumstances, every age has witnessed certain truths and duties forced out of their natural connexions and proportions, and pushed so prominently forward, as to make it be thought that these were of all others the most important, and that Religion consisted mainly in the belief and practice of these. Great advantages have resulted from this. The various parts of the Christian System have in their turn, received an ample breadth of proof, defence and illustration. Every objection which ingenuity could raise has been raised—and has been met and refuted, and that too, when the energies of great minds