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The want of a journal devoted to the interests of the Canada Presbyterian Church in the columns of which, at the same time the sister Presbyterian Churches of the Dominion could meet with us, as upon a common platform, for the discussion of questions in which all have a mutual interest, and for the free interchange of sentiments, has long been felt. To supply this deficiency the undersigned has been induced by the encouragement received from many kind friends—lay and clerical—to undertake the work.

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We are indebted to our brethren of the Press for numerous kindly notices, from among which we publish the following:—

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We shall be glad to see the organ of the Presbyterian Church among our exchanges.—*Canada Christian Advocate.*

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It presents a very creditable appearance, and promises to be a valuable acquisition to the Church.—*Elgin Planet.*

The new paper is well printed, carefully edited, and ought to find a place in every Presbyterian home.—*Collingwood Bulletin.*

In our opinion it is what a Presbyterian journal ought to be. We wish the enterprising publisher every success.—*Canada Scotsman.*

It is a handsome paper, and, if the promise of the initial number be sustained, it may become quite a useful and popular religious journal.—*Huron Expositor.*

The initial number presents a very fine typographical appearance, and its contents display ability, and are highly creditable. It merits the support of the Presbyterian body.—*Oakville Argus.*

It presents a neat appearance, and worthily represents the Church for which it will strive to become the official organ. We wish, as it will no doubt attain, complete success.—*Collingwood Enterprise.*

This will supply a deficiency which has been long felt, and deserves the support of all who desire the prosperity of the Presbyterian Church, and the dissemination of religious Truth in general.—*St. Mary's Argus.*

It is very neatly printed, is in eight page form and bids fair to be a worthy exponent of the wealthy, numerous, and intelligent denomination under whose auspices it is published. We wish it success.—*Waterloo Chronicle.*

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The Presbyterians, we believe, are at present without a special organ in Ontario, and when we consider that other religious denominations have organs of their own, we doubt not there is room for this new journal of the Presbyterian Church.—*London Daily Herald.*

From personal knowledge of the publisher, we regard the enterprise as in good hands. We have often wondered that no representative Presbyterian newspaper existed in Canada. The field is wide, and excellence is alone needed to ensure success.—*London Daily Advertiser.*

We think that our old friend C. Blackett Robinson, late of the Lindsay *Post*, is the right man in the right place, and from his former success in journalism and his thorough acquaintance with the business in all its details, he will achieve signal success where others less experienced would utterly fail.—*Alliston News Era.*

The first number of this eight page paper has been issued, and presents a very neat typographical appearance. Its columns are to be devoted to the interests of the Canada Presbyterian Church, and will contain full reports of clerical proceedings. Mr. C. Blackett Robinson is the proprietor, and we wish him success in his new venture.—*Toronto Evening Express.*

It is, as its name would indicate, specially devoted to the interests of the Presbyterians in Canada, and they need not be at all ashamed of it. As a first class denominational newspaper it has no superior, being carefully edited and neatly printed. From our knowledge of Mr. Robinson we have every confidence in his ability to conduct the PRESBYTERIAN successfully.—*Bradford Expositor.*

We have received the initial number of this paper, and can confidently recommend it to the notice of our readers. Its articles are ably written. It contains a large quantity of religious and other news, and its typographical appearance is excellent. We wish our contemporary every success.—*Guelph Herald.*

The PRESBYTERIAN is well got up, and will no doubt meet with very extended patronage, and if conducted with the ability apparent in the initial number, it will be a great acquisition to the Presbyterian denomination. We wish the enterprise success.—*Victoria Warder.*

It is an eight-page sheet, neatly printed on good paper and makes a very creditable appearance and yet the first number the editor tells us, is not to be regarded as a fair specimen of what the paper will be in future. We hope the PRESBYTERIAN will receive a hearty support.—*St. Mary's Argus.*

It supplies a want long felt by the Canada Presbyterian Church, the adherents of which will doubtless extend to it a hearty support. It contains a large amount of denominational information, interesting general reading, and its appearance is creditable to the enterprising publisher.—*Niagara Chronicle.*

It is a handsome eight page sheet and gives evidence in the first number of being under able management. The Presbyterians of Canada have long felt the want of a journal which they could claim as their own, and we trust Mr. Robinson will meet with very liberal encouragement in his new undertaking.—*Dundas True Banner.*

The want of a journal devoted to the interests of the Canada Presbyterian Church, and open to the sister Presbyterian Churches, for the discussion of questions in which all have a mutual interest, and for the interchange of sentiments, has long been felt. It is the purpose of the publisher to supply the want. We extend a New Year's greeting, and wish our new *confrere* many prosperous returns.—*Belleville Ontario.*

We have often wondered that so large and intelligent a body of christians as the Presbyterians should for so long a period have been without an organ. We believe that Mr Robinson, the able and enterprising proprietor and editor, who has had long experience in newspaper management, is well qualified to make the undertaking a success in every point of view; and that he merits the confidence and support of all Presbyterians.—*Colborne Express.*

We have received the initiatory number of the above religious journal, and the appearance presented is in the highest English degree creditable, while the editorial department is fully up to the mark. It is quite needless for us to say that a want is supplied in this journal which has long been felt in Canada by the Presbyterians, and we have not the slightest doubt but it will receive a hearty support at their hands.—*Brantford Courier.*

It is published weekly in the interests of the Canada Presbyterian Church, but is intended as a medium of communication between all the Presbyterian bodies. It promises to advocate warmly the union of the several branches of the Presbyterian Church, and no doubt will do much to accomplish that desirable end. We recommend the paper to the favorable consideration of our Presbyterian friends.—*Sarnia Observer.*

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The first number comes to us well printed on good paper, and evincing a large amount of care in its arrangements. Its selections of home and foreign news are judicious and ample, while its denominational department is very complete. The editorials are well put together, and show no ordinary amount of ability. Correspondence, Literary Notices, Scientific and Useful, with other matters of an interesting nature, make up a large eight page form. The body whose organ it will be, is a large and wealthy one, hence the PRESBYTERIAN should be well and liberally supported.—*Uxbridge Journal.*

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The first number of THE BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN has appeared, and presents an appearance highly creditable to the publisher, while the editorial department is fully up to the mark. This new weekly journal supplies a want which has long been felt by the Presbyterian Church of the Dominion, and we have no doubt it will meet with a hearty support, providing as it does, in addition to a mass of reading, a large amount of information with respect to the denomination.—*Toronto Telegraph.*

THE BRITISH AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN is creditably got up, consisting of eight pages of neatly printed reading matter of great interest to the general reader. As its name implies, it is devoted to the interests of the large and influential body of Presbyterians in British America; and we trust that they will give it such support as will ensure its success. We gladly place it on our list of exchanges, and as a valuable addition to the religious press of the new Dominion, we wish the PRESBYTERIAN a large circulation, and Mr. Robinson success in his new enterprise.—*Peterboro Examiner.*

We have received the first number of this journal, edited and published by our old friend Mr. C. Blackett Robinson, late of the Lindsay *Post*. The publication is an eight-page journal, printed on a double-royal sheet, and has a very large amount of reading matter selected and placed in their respective departments. A considerable portion of the paper is devoted to original and contributed articles, which are well written, and deal with subjects of interest to the denomination. This journal fills an hitherto unoccupied field, and we know no man better fitted for publishing it than Mr. Robinson. We wish him and his new enterprise every success.—*Guelph Mercury.*

It is intended, mainly, to be the religious organ of the large and influential body of Presbyterians in this country, thus supplying a want that has long been felt by the denomination. The number before us embodies so many excellencies, that one is at a loss to imagine how it could well be bettered. But Mr. Robinson does not hesitate to promise further improvements, and we have no doubt his promise will be more than fulfilled. This being the only paper which the denomination has in Canada, it should, and doubtless will, receive their liberal support. Indeed, it is a journal from which others, besides Presbyterians, might derive large benefit, by welcoming it to their homes. It is a fine large eight-paged sheet, and may be had for the moderate sum of two dollars per year.—*Port Perry Standard.*

We cordially and sincerely congratulate our Presbyterian readers on the appearance of their new organ. The first glance at its beautifully printed pages drew from us the exclamation—admirable! and on close and careful examination, we pronounced it still—admirable! The paper is good, the letters large clear, and bold, so that the reading will require no straining of the eyes, but will be easy and pleasant. It contains about eight pages of solid original and selected matter—the production of the ablest living writers of our own country, Great Britain and the States. Information regarding the operations of the church, discussions on subjects affecting its welfare, besides a great deal of valuable matter outside of Religious and Ecclesiastical affairs, are contained in its pages. Altogether we think that, not only from loyalty to their own church, to whose prosperity an organ is almost essential, but also from considerations of good to themselves and families, our Presbyterian readers ought to give their support to this admirable paper.—*Colborne Express.*

RELIGIOUS WORSHIP AND RELIGIOUS WARFARE IN JAPAN.

Along the line of travel, whenever we found any settlements we would find little mias, or praying places, with images of gods arranged in groups, in some instances dressed with red cloth, and in others without raiment. Before each of those places would be seen the invariable red gates denoting the faith to be Sintoeism, the religion of the Mikado and of the Government. In the discussion that ensued many months ago between this Government and the foreign representatives, when the attempt was made by the latter to save the settlement of native Christians near Nagasaki from persecution, the question was pressed home on the Government: to know why it was this people were being sent into banishment and slavery, if it was not on account of their being Christians. The reply was, because they were insubordinate and ungovernable, but the extent of the insubordination was that they refused to pass through those red gates; this being the test of the faithful. It is an established fact that a terrible religious war is now going on in Japan between the Sintoo and the Buddhist sects, the latter being possessed of the most valuable estates and privileges acquired during the three hundred years of the rule of the Tycoon, whose faith was Buddhism. With the installment of the present Government, the Mikado brought Sintoeism, the faith of his ancestry to the front, and he has already persecuted the Buddhist sects, stripping them of privileges and possessions, until it is rumoured that, in despair, they have made overtures to Christians, looking to an alliance of strength to resist the common foe. Hence it is that the traveller in Japan finds the gorgeous temples of the Buddists going to decay and almost deserted, while the new Sintoo temples are filled with devotees. It does not appear to disturb the people, and there is but little reason why it should.—*N. Y. Times.*

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