

want, as if you could see Him. He is able and willing to do all that is for your good."

A PATIENT ELEPHANT.

"Tell my grandchildren," writes the bishop of Calcutta, "that an elephant here had a disease in his eyes. For three days he had been completely blind. His owner, an engineer officer, asked my dear Dr. Webb if he could do anything to relieve the poor animal. The doctor said he would try the nitrate of silver, which was a remedy commonly applied to similar diseases in the human eye. The large animal

was ordered to lie down, and at first, on the application of the remedy, raised the most extraordinary roar at the acute pain which it occasioned. The effect, however, was wonderful. The eye was in a manner restored, and the animal could partially see. The next day, when he was brought and heard the doctor's voice, he lay down of himself, placed his enormous head on one side, curled up his trunk, drew in his breath, just like a man about to endure an operation, gave a sigh of relief when it was over, and then, by trunk and gesture, evidently wished to express his gratitude. What sagacity! What a lesson to us of patience!"—*Life of Bishop Wilson.*

Position and Prospects of our Monthly.

Many of our readers know the circumstances in which the *Canada Christian Monthly* came into existence. The Rev. Robert Kennedy, who was carrying on a useful work in publishing cheap literature of an evangelical type, died suddenly from the effects of an accident, and his excellent publications ceased, with heavy liabilities to his printers and to his subscribers. Rather than see the good work stop entirely, after consultation with Mrs. Kennedy, it was resolved to make an effort to save one of the publications from the general wreck: and hence, taking the place of the *Good News*, the *Christian Monthly* was issued, beginning with a list of some 400 or 500 subscribers, which has increased to near 2,000.

The objects in view in issuing the *Christian Monthly* were two-fold:—First, it was desired to spread (chiefly in the rural districts) simple and sound reading at a small charge, in which the great doctrines of salvation should be upheld and applied, for the conversion of the careless and the edification of the converted. And, then, it was desired to make a still further effort to benefit the family of Mr. Kennedy (which was left destitute), by devoting to their use the profits, if any, of the undertaking.

As to the manner in which the former of these aims has been accomplished, the editor had rather not pronounce any judgment. He is pastor of a large congregation, and must attend first and foremost to his pastoral duties. This has left him but fragments of time for editorial work,—time, often