

The INDEPENDENT will again claim the special attention of its friends. A new editor has to be found, and the enlargement of the circulation must be pressed. Of these matters, however, the proprietors will speak at greater length, either hereinafter or by a special circular to the churches. We would only bespeak for their communications the earnest attention and the prompt and vigorous co-operation of our readers universally. The power of this periodical to help the body and the several churches has never yet been fitly developed. All our interests suffer from this neglect.

Of our general organizations, the (late) Widows and Orphans' Fund, with its new name and new scope, will demand more of time and thought than it has been wont to receive. The materials for such consideration are amply furnished, and in good time, in our present issue. Let them have thought beforehand, and time at the meeting.

The annual meetings of the Missionary Society and of the College are always important, and always interesting, and will be at least as much so on this occasion as on any previous one. The letter of the College Secretary, on another page, is very suggestive. The missionary balance sheet will be anticipated with interest, to see how far the Canadian income has supplied the place of the £50 reduction in the English grant. It will be remembered that another £50 will be deducted this year. The Act of Incorporation will need formal adoption by the Society.

The Indian Mission, as appears by documents now also published, is entering on another phase of its existence. Let the minute of the Board be carefully read by all concerned. The future of this work seems more auspicious than heretofore.

What can the CHURCHES do to prepare for the Union Meeting? "Much every way." It would be a sad mistake for them to think that these things concerned only the ministers, or might be left to a few officials and committee men.

They can *think* over these things. There is not one of the matters above mentioned, that is not of interest to the entire brotherhood, and that would not be dealt with more advantageously if intelligently considered at the local meetings of pastors and deacons, and of the churches. Apathy is worse than the stormiest controversy.

They can send some of their best men as *delegates* to the Union. No church should be unrepresented. While old friends are always welcome, we doubt the wisdom of sending the same delegates year by year. A delegate often learns more by attendance at one such meeting than by reading reports for years. His own presence does good to the rest, even if he be silent. He may do good service in discussions, and on committee. He can add to the interest of the devotional services, if a Godly man. It is much to know each other by face as well as by name.

They can make a liberal *collection* for the Union funds. It will be wanted this year. The place of meeting is \$2 west of the centre—that being Toronto, of course—and travelling expenses will be so much increased. Besides which, we