

take courage. It is also encouraging to receive so many kind, approving letters from the various Provinces of the Dominion, and from clergymen of almost all Protestant denominations. It is impossible here to give these letters. Let it suffice to give extracts from two letters that have come to hand within the last few days. "I thank you," writes a business man from Toronto, "for your sermon in the last number—'Thy hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn Thy commandments.' Indeed each month is filled with choice matter, well calculated, with the blessing of God's Holy Spirit, to build up believers in the faith and in the practical duties of religion." In this same letter there was enclosed five names, with their subscriptions. "We have just printed," writes Mr. Young, of the Religious Book and Tract Society, "our new list of periodicals (I enclose a copy), in which the 'CHRISTIAN MONTHLY' holds a prominent place, and I hope the result will be seen in many subscriptions before long." To the kind, generous friends who have, with words like these, cheered us in this laborious but pleasant work we owe more than we can express.

It is intended to begin a new volume with January, 1874. Is it too much to ask readers who approve of the object and aim of the "CHRISTIAN MONTHLY" to interest themselves in its behalf to the extent of each reader getting, at least, one subscriber? This would double our subscription list for the month of January, and place this undertaking on such a footing as to yield something for the family of Mr. Kennedy, to which Canada has not yet paid its debt. The fact that the editor and contributors are working for nothing surely excuses this request of earnest and active co-operation, on the part of our readers, for the winter months. If our monthly is not needed, and if it is not fitted to do good, then let it die; but, if there is need for it, if it fills a blank in our Canadian literature, if it is fitted to increase men's

knowledge of the Bible, and urge them to the practice of its duties, then, surely, Christians cannot refuse to give us their help and their prayers.

### THE NEW VOLUME.

FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT.—Next to the "Grace abounding to the Chief of Sinners," by John Bunyan, and the "Confessions of Augustine," stands, in point of insight into the subtleties of the natural heart, and the work of the Spirit in one's own conversion, "From Darkness to Light," an autobiography of last century, which has never yet been translated into the English language. It is proposed to have this interesting record of a soul seeking after truth amid the dim, uncertain light of last century, when Wesley and Whitefield were abroad arousing the land, translated for the readers of the "CHRISTIAN MONTHLY."

BIBLE LANDS.—The January number of the "CHRISTIAN MONTHLY" will contain the first chapter of a "Visit to Bible Lands," by the Editor, written for Canadian readers. This subject is very interesting at present, from the number of new books being written and the scientific explorations that are being sent out to explore that land.

CONTRIBUTORS.—We have already on our list of contributors, writers whose names are well known as authors, and who are also contributors to some of the old country Magazines. They have promised to continue their services for the new volume, while we expect an addition to their ranks from other quarters.

POSTAGE.—The postage of our monthly will henceforth be charged to subscribers. To each of them it is only a mere trifle, whereas the whole amount is so heavy a sum that, as long as it is a charge on the publishing, there is little hope of being able to improve the quality of paper used.