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### THE BEGINNING OF VOLUME TEN.

To improve with age is not a bad mark nor an undesirable symptom. All readers of our monthly will perceive that we begin Vol. X. with every improvement we proposed or promised—beautiful new type, clear white paper, four additional pages of reading, and the work put up in covers after the manner in which genteel periodicals are dressed to suit public taste. There is no intrinsic merit in a man wearing a fine coat, nor in a magazine going abroad apparelled in high typographical fashion; but still, the question of Paul, “Do you judge according to appearance?” is too apt to be answered by a Yes.

For our own part, it is, frankness to say that we are more concerned about the matter and manner of the articles offered to the reading public, than about the external figure of our paper. There are scores of publishers in New York, Boston, and Philadelphia, who are quite competent to please artistic taste; but the proof is too easy and too abundant that they minister far less to the morals and spirituals of men than to their carnals.

We print a large supply of the *Christian Banner* for the current year of grace, and if the active readers who have hitherto been volunteers in circulating the work approve of the specimen we now lay before them, we shall be happy to acknowledge their co-operative labors.

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### NEWS OF ACCESSIONS.

The zealous fellow-laborer, brother E. Sheppard, of Dorchester, writes to us that he arrived at home the first week of January from a tour of some seven weeks among the churches. He says:—“I think it would be better for the churches where we labored to report the result of the meetings than those engaged in the work. I expect you will hear from the churches on the subject. I would state, however, that the Lord has blessed the effort put forth in Eramosa, Erin, and King. In Eramosa thirteen were added. Brother Kilgour labored with me in Erin. Fifteen were immersed while we were there, two reclaimed, and one immersed since; making eighteen additions in Erin. We labored there a little over two weeks. Brother J. Black then accompanied me to King. Two were immersed on the afternoon of the day preceding the one on which I