

There was somewhere above ground a few weeks ago a man who should have heard this debate on revision. He signs himself "Senex"—a venerable old name, suggestive of caution born of experience. Senex is not cautious, however, and, forgetting the rules of journalistic etiquette, he poured into the ears of another journal his Jeremiah-like lamentations over the heretical tendencies of so orthodox a magazine as the KNOX COLLEGE MONTHLY. He is much exercised about the quantities of "Dodism" (whatever that may be) to be found in the editorial mind. But that debate would have settled him. Here and Away would have paid his fare all the way from the blind-line of the township of Fossildom—if he lives in that locality—for the sake of seeing him open his eyes when the editor of the MONTHLY took the floor against revision. The poor old man might have taken a fit. But, bless his heroic soul, he meant the MONTHLY no harm. He was alarmed over Prof. Campbell's arraignment of Modern Theology, and, thinking that original sin and total depravity were in danger, he took up the cudgels and began striking out at large. The editor was the first man he chanced to think of, and as editors have no feelings he started with him. It was a stinger; but we forgive you, Father Senex, we forgive you. But take warning. If you go throwing stones and mud at editors from behind some other man's back fence you may get hurt. Editors have a way of shooting round a corner, and in a twinkling your wife would be a widow. Then don't worry about the MONTHLY. Whatever we may think about Marcus Dods and the Higher Criticism, we are with you on total depravity. Indeed, we are a little doubtful about your own orthodoxy on this point. Editors are all hyper-Calvinists on the doctrine of total depravity—they see such evidences of it in anonymous correspondents.

Now that we are at it, we would like to say, once for all, that the MONTHLY was not established and is not conducted for the purpose of ventilating the editor's opinions, theological or otherwise. It is the organ of no man or party, and is bound by the swaddling bands of no school. While bearing the name of Knox College, it is as untrammelled as any magazine published. The college authorities are its fastest friends, and recognize its usefulness and power as a vehicle for the free discussion of great questions. It is for the Church, not for the College, and to go back to college leading strings would be journalistic stultification. So long as the MONTHLY is under the present editorial management, it will be open to all the theological colleges of the Presbyterian Church, and will strive to represent fairly all schools of thought. The editor's dogmatic opinions will go but a little way in the examination of articles. What is required is an important subject, well thought out, intelligently discussed—with due regard to literary style—and above all reverence for Truth. Did the MONTHLY take any narrower outlook it would be untrue to the name it bears, unworthy of the thought and care spent in its production, and would long ago have found its proper place in a forgotten grave.