

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR VOLUME X.

In fulfilment of a long cherished purpose, the editor of this Magazine has made arrangements, Providence permitting, for a holiday trip to Europe. It is an education, which one seeks in vain in books, to visit the memory-haunted scenes of the Old World. In the monuments and institutions of the past, in the hoary minsters and crumbling classic fanes, in the many places consecrated by heroism or by song,—by the martyrs' or the patriots' blood, or by the poet's lyre—one beholds a chrystalized history, which thrills the soul with a presence and a power before unimagined. The writer will endeavour to share with the readers of this Magazine, as far as he may be able, the pleasure and the profit of his pilgrimage to those old historic lands.

His prescribed route will lead him, after a short stay in Great Britain, to the continent. Landing at Ostend he will traverse Belgium, visiting Bruges, Ghent, Brussels, Antwerp, and probably Rotterdam, the Hague, and Amsterdam, with their memories of the brave struggle of the Protestant liberties of Europe against the persecuting bigotry of Spain. Reaching the Rhine at Cologne and sailing up that storied stream to Mayence, his route leads to Worms and Spire, the scenes of the moral heroism of the great-hearted Luther—to Heidelberg and Strassburg. Here, leaving the Rhine, his route leads through the mountain regions of the Black Forest—the Schwartzwald of German story—to Shaffhausen on the Rhine again. Thence it traverses the extreme length of Switzerland—to Lausanne, the birthplace of Fletcher, Geneva, with its associations of the Reformation, and Mont Blanc. Crossing on foot the Gemmi Pass and Wengern Alps, the Righi and the Lake of the Four Forest Cantons, haunted with the stories of Tell, Winkelried, and Zwingli, are all visited. His route then leads

over the St. Gotthard Pass to Italy. Traversing the lovely lakes Maggiore, Lugano, and Como, it reaches, by way of Milan and Verona, Venice, Florence, Rome, Naples, and Pompeii, whose very names are a spell of power. *En route* homeward it passes through Pisa, Genoa, Turin, the Mont Cenis Tunnel, the Jura Alps, Central France, Paris, Rouen, Dieppe, to old England again. A tour through the chief historic parts of Scotland, Ireland, and Wales, and the voyage home again, will complete the projected journey.

In a series of papers written *en route*, and continued after his return, he will endeavour to condense his foreign experience for those of his readers as care to follow his adventures. These papers, under the title "A Canadian in Europe," will begin in the July or August number, and continue to the end of the year. Arrangements have been made for the regular issue of this Magazine with its usual number, variety, and excellence of engravings and articles; and with enhanced interest and constant improvement.

Among the early illustrated articles will be the following: Underground Jerusalem; the Canyons of the Colorado; Methodist Missions in Ceylon, in Zululand, and in the West Indies; Methodist Churches and Colleges; and other copiously illustrated articles. The Story of the War of 1812 will be concluded, and another series of the popular "Odd Characters" will be given. The July and August numbers will have articles by Dr. Punshon and Dr. Nelles. All business communications to be sent to the publisher. The literary contents of the Magazine are made up for the next three months. Intending contributors will therefore please withhold their articles till the expiration of that time. The beginning of a new volume