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If we do not to-day write in quite as confident a strain of the new plans as we did in August last, it is not that our opinion has changed of those plans themselves, but because the feeling engendered and kept up in the discussion of them imperils confidence and co-operation. To that feeling, on both sides, we have allowed free expression in these columns; for however we may deplore its existence, it is better for it to come out than to be pent up within. We do not wish to see the Colonial Society act on Benjamin Franklin's maxim for the sons of a family—"Give them a good education, and then, *kick* them out of doors," for such a mode of exit is not conducive to future good relations between the boys and the father. Nor can we say that we look with much hopefulness on the plan of an independent appeal to England and the United States. The expenses of travelling and the support of a collecting agent, the need of making out a case for a new agency, where another has been long established, the difficulty of crowding in any application for aid, and the feeling which no argument can remove, that the colonies are able to care for themselves—these, to us, seem insurmountable objections to a separate appeal to England; while in the United States, the immeasurable claims from their own West and South, will bar out this handful of churches on the North, not too well loved.

If it be possible, therefore, as much as lieth in us, let us live peaceably with the Colonial Missionary Society; but as early as they may, let each missionary church become self-supporting, and the strong help the weak, so that these questions that have vexed us these nearly thirty years, may vex us no more for ever!

### A WORD TO ALL OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

In the most agreeable and courteous but most urgent and irresistible manner, we beg to remind those who have not sent in their dollar for the current volume, or for any one or more of its predecessors, that the said dollar has been *due* from the beginning of the year, viz., July 1st; that it is urgently *wanted* for arrears and new monthly bills; and that the payment of it will make them enjoy the magazine better, as it will be in every sense *their own*.

Our friends will be glad to learn that our position, financially, continues to improve. More money has been received for the current volume, now, than was received for either of the two preceding volumes at the same period of the year. Although not quite so much has come in for arrears, still the receipts on that account bear many proofs that it was for want of ability, rather than of will, that these were not forthcoming sooner. We hope to hear from *many more* who have not remitted for *years* past. Indeed, there is a *pressing need* for immediate attention to this very thing.