

REMARKS.

The query touching a sentiment in the Sept. issue, will, if no unusual event hinders, receive attention next month. Respecting the work of publishing, it is as true as the truth that a paper, taking its circuit four, six, or twelve times a year, is required in these extensive and rich Provincial States. We have uniformly pled for it; and there is at least some proof that we have taken this ground earnestly, not in word only but in deed. Willingly would we now pledge ten dollars a year for three years to a calm, intelligent, ardent friend as our quota of material aid to him in order to keep up a paper. Do we ask to be relieved? Have we become weary of service under the guidance of the Chief Captian? No; and again no. Are we tired of head winds, of high adverse tides, of hardships and splurgings on the agitated sea of reformatory effort? Not by any means. Never have we realised more confidence or courage in the Lord's wisdom and truth than at this moment. But there is a varied stock of valid reasons why our exertions should take a different tack. To specify these reasons would not, in our judgment, be either personally or generally edifying. Let them sleep—unmentioned. The Lord has done right and will do right with the whole of us. We are steadfastly disposed to launch out into the deep from another part of the shore and cast the net from a different part of the ship. Or to speak without a figure, the proof coming to us that we can prepare Epistles and Narratives of four, six, and eight pages to circulate among all classes of readers, and the evidence being furnished that friends stand ready to co-work with us in the business of filling the country with Epistolary Messages carrying not manslaughter but system-slaughter in view of prominent error, and conveying fervent affection and edification for the praise and invigoration of those who are willing to do well, we incline to look upon this as a legitimate opening for our best energies.

But to show due respect for the judgment of others, and to comply with earnest solicitations, we propose during 1859, if the Lord will, to make six general visits through a periodical. We will methodise and put into the proposed paper the chief epistles and documents we furnish for separate circulation; the contributions of co-laborers; correspondence; and several pages per issue of the gleanings of intelligence from as wide a scope of the world's doings as may be known to us. Instead of 32 pages we shall send out 48 pages per Number, but in place of twelve we shall have six issues per year. The price—same as at present. By the favor of the Glorified Prince, whose power is changeless and whose grace is ceaseless, we trust that a sanctified tone and a spiritual flavor will pervade this forthcoming volume as far in advance of preceding efforts as 1859 will be in advance of previous years wherein we have labored.

Still, we ought not to avoid saying that it is by a kind of daring decision that we determine thus to proceed. Commercial ruin stares many a man grimly in the face. We are, from principle, decidedly averse to the customary plasters and pills in religious papers pertaining