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A WORD TO THE WISE.

For several reasons, we refrain from writing any other editorial, this month, than a brief preface to the interesting articles of our valued contributors. That preface must relate to our own affairs.

Two more numbers will complete the present volume (xiii.) of the Magazine. In July last, the proprietors encouraged by the improved financial position of the undertaking, enlarged it from 32 to 40 pages. To meet the cost of this, it was stated, that a *net* increase of fully 150 subscribers was required.

There has been a much larger increase during the current year, than for many a year preceding; but *it has not reached the above mark.*

When the members of the "Publishing Company" meet in June next, to make arrangements for vol. xiv., they will need to have before them definite information as to the support they may count upon. They have bound themselves to receive no personal profit; but neither can they suffer loss.

The CANADIAN INDEPENDENT is not a new publication. Private subsidies, guarantees, and losses funds are out of date. It must stand on a commercial basis, and pay its own way. All plans for improvement in the periodical depend simply upon the improvement of its income.

For our own part, we have no doubt that the number of subscribers could be *doubled* at once, were zealous effort put forth in every locality. The assurances we are continually receiving warrant us in saying that every family into which the magazine may be introduced will be a gainer, and every church rendered more efficient, by being thus brought into connection with the whole body.

We are glad to learn that some of our friends are already astir. We call on pastors, church-committees, officers of literature, &c., to go to work vigorously and promptly. *New subscribers to vol. xiv., remitting in advance immediately, will have the May and June numbers sent them without charge.*