

they state where they wish the student to worship, and the College pays for the rent of the seats occupied by those who worship at the Cambridge churches. In accordance with this arrangement, the following payments have been made to the several religious societies in Old Cambridge for the present academic year: Baptist Society, \$52; Unitarian Society, \$70; Episcopal Society, \$135; Orthodox Society, \$183 20. Total, \$440 20.—*Christian Inquirer*.

Editorial.

THE MAGAZINE.

In sending forth the last number of this volume, we have nothing of very special importance to say. But we suppose that, for form's sake at least, a few words will be expected. We have not, nor do we affect to have whereof to boast. Yet we are not willing altogether to shut our ears to the whispers which, sometimes reach us, from quarters rather respectable, that we have, in divers ways, contributed in some small degree, to the welfare of our church. Conscience, at all events, tells us that that main object for which our labours were commenced, has been kept steadily, disinterestedly, and honestly, in view. And it is satisfactory to reflect that, whatever instrumentality God may have blessed for the purpose, our church is in a less hazardous, and more hopeful condition than it was when we first reluctantly undertook the task, and the responsibility of this periodical.

In so far as we have fallen short of what may have been expected of us, (and we have most signally failed in realising the *beau idéal* we proposed to ourselves,) we, by no means, throw the whole blame on circumstances. But circumstances have been, as every candid person duly informed will admit, exceedingly unfavourable. Not only did we start under disadvantages so great and manifold as almost altogether to deter us, but we have had twice, amidst uncertainty and hurry, to make all the arrangements for a commencement, in a year when even the best established concerns found it difficult to get printing executed in Toronto. Though no such embarrassment had been in the way, every one who has a just idea of what it is to introduce a new denominational journal, in such a country as this, and with so limited a circle from which support could be expected, will easily believe that our post has been no sinecure, and that our claims to indulgence are considerable.

Our best thanks are most justly due, and are most cordially and respectfully offered to all who have given us their countenance and aid—to our subscribers, especially to friends who have procured for us subscribers, and above all, to the kind and able contributors, alas! that they have been so few, who have favoured us with valuable literary co-operation. Nor must we omit to acknowledge our obligations to the numerous and excellent exchanges which have been so frankly afforded us.

To our worthy Publisher, who does all for love, and nothing for reward, is due the credit of not having obtruded the Magazine consciously on a sin-