

will be able to offer its pastor a larger salary, and pay it monthly or quarterly as it falls due.

Brethren, try the New Testament plan! All who have done so have found it easily wrought and financially successful. Again we say, try it!

We fear we have only just begun with the wants of the Churches; but our space is exhausted, and we must leave to a future talk with our readers some other matters to which we had intended to refer.

A WORD WITH OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

Our publisher, Mr. Christie, has whispered into our ear some facts and figures in regard to the subscription list of the **CANADIAN INDEPENDENT**, which we propose to make an "open secret" with our readers, being of quite as much importance to them as to ourselves.

On the first of January, the new Postage law came into operation. Under it, the postage on all "periodicals" has to be paid on mailing them. The *Canadian Independent* will, therefore, now reach subscribers with the postage paid by the Proprietors. While the saving to each subscriber neglecting to remit the postage, is but a trifle, the aggregate paid by the Proprietors is very considerable, and furnishes ground for an urgent appeal to all our subscribers, hereafter to remit the postage in addition to the subscription, viz: six cents per annum, when sent in parcels, or twelve cents on single copies in separate wrappers.

From all our subscribers in arrears we have to request an immediate remittance; the amount owing by each is stated on the address slip, by the figures to the right of the name. Quite a number still owe two or more dollars; they cannot expect us to pay postage on their account after waiting for years for their subscription. They must see, therefore, the reasonableness, and the necessity for remitting *at once* the arrears due, and we trust this earnest word will suffice to secure a prompt, cheerful and liberal response.

We regret to learn that notwithstanding the favourable harvest, and general prosperity enjoyed by the country, the aggregate receipts thus far, are not equal to the last two years to this date.

Mr. Christie also says truly that we very much need an increase to the subscription list, not only to fill up vacancies caused by deaths and otherwise, but also to extend the usefulness and power of the magazine; and adds, what we were hardly prepared for—"we have reason to think that many *deacons* never see the magazine—unless they borrow it! Should it be so any longer? We trow not! Brethren in the diaconate, we are trying to help you in your onerous and honourable office, by spreading amongst the churches information in regard to our distinctive principles, and seeking to induce a spirit of loving co-operation, and increased liberality, on the part of the brotherhood. Give us a helping hand! Subscribe for the magazine, and recommend it to the support of others, and thus, in this department of Christian activity, they who sow and those who reap shall rejoice together."

We hope that if any of our readers know of a deacon anywhere that does not subscribe for the **INDEPENDENT**, they will take special pains to let them see this number.