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PUBLISHER'S TALK

OUR readers are sending us more letters than usual. We hope that the unusual will become habitual. Most editors and publishers are glad to hear from their readers. It means close contact with the public. Criticism is even more valuable than encouraging praise. One correspondent says that as he has renewed his subscription for the third year, he is entitled to write as one of the original shareholders. He is quite rightit is his privilege and our profit.

We wish, however, that more of our readers would argue the questions themselves, instead of telling us privately whether the "Courier" is right or wrong in its attitude on temperance, foreign missions and other questions. The attitude of the staff writers has nothing to do with the case. They have a right to use any arguments they wish. Our readers must answer these arguments if they want to be heard. Our columns are as open to any correspondent as they are to any regular or irregular member of the staff.

WE hope our readers will appreciate Mr. Hawkes' excellent article in this issue. Miss Laut's work is open to much criticism, and now that she is a successful author, she must expect it. Nor is she the only author who will be treated fairly but firmly during the next few months.

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