

are in arrears should be stirred up. It is a small matter to them individually, but the aggregate arrearages make the difference between success and failure to the MONTHLY.

What about the outlook for the MONTHLY? It was never better. The literary standard will be kept up, and the prospects are good for fresh and valuable articles. "The Presbyterian Mission Fields" series will be continued until complete. Other features will be announced later. A new department we purpose opening in the November number is "College Table Talk," in which what is of interest in the life and doings not only in the Toronto colleges, but in Halifax and Quebec and Montreal and Kingston and Winnipeg, will be reflected. In this work we will have the hearty co-operation of gentlemen in these several colleges. The November number, which opens a new volume, will be one of the meatiest published. The names of Profs. Thomson, Panton, McCurdy and Baird, of Donald MacGillivray, and of one or two other contributors, warrant us in arousing great expectations. Subsequent issues will not fall behind. With a record of good and acceptable service, and with such a prospect for even better things in the future, we think we have a right to ask the co-operation of friends and of the Church at large in our efforts to reach a wider constituency.

We have no right to anticipate the committee appointed to consider the matter of a general monthly magazine. Their work is plain before them, and the probability is that they will do something worth doing. The feeling that such a review is needed in our Canadian Church is growing, and the fact that the promoters of the KNOX COLLEGE MONTHLY, the only attempt at such a magazine, have discussed the question and appointed this committee and charged them to confer with representatives of other colleges, and ascertain if possible the feeling of the Church, is a hopeful sign. Something practical will surely be reported, or, at least, evidence will be collected to shew the impossibility of success and to prove us a narrow-minded, provincial, illiterate people, or a race of colonial babes afraid to stand alone and willing to take from foreign hands what literary pabulum the thing we call our intellectual life requires. Let this committee begin work at once. Let the wisest counsellors be chosen. Let the whole matter be gone into systematically and thoroughly. Let something worthy be proposed and done. Or let us cease calling ourselves an independent, enterprising, educated people.