

of Eastern and Western Canada, of Canada, and of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick;" "The Clergy Reserve Question;" "The University (U. C.) Question;" "The Common School Question;" and perhaps some others,—such as "Church Building," "Church-Finances," and "Sunday Schools."

As anything that can be done at present will be so imperfect and fragmentary as to serve rather as a collection of a portion of the materials for a future history than as a complete history in itself, perhaps each one of the four methods may be adopted in turn, so as to secure the advantage of the several modes of treatment.

We are not prepared at present definitely to pledge the *Independent* to the compilation of the proposed history. But we throw out these suggestions for the consideration of the many of our readers who are interested in the subject. We invite correspondence upon it. And we would again emphatically urge the possessors of documents to give the body the advantage of their use, and call upon all those who have vivid recollections of the early days of our missions, to commit these to paper, ere it be too late.

### GOOD NEWS FROM THE PUBLISHER.

The attentive Publishing Agent of the Magazine reminds us, that it is three months since he reported progress in his department; and we fully agree with him in the opinion, that, at least as often as once a quarter, our friends should have some information as to the state of our subscription list.

We are much gratified to be able to communicate the information that the *Independent* is enjoying its share of the general improvement in the monetary condition of the Province. The amount received to this date is upwards of \$200 more than at the same period last year. A number of subscribers, who have been in arrears for years, have remitted in whole or in part. Payments of this nature continue to be received from time to time. We would respectfully but impressively jog the memory of those who are still behind-hand, that they should do likewise. Instances are often occurring, in which sheer inability is the only cause of delay on the part of those who value the Magazine, and are willing to pay for it when they can; and in such cases the proprietors have every disposition to be patient. But some have received our property month after month, year after year, without making any return, and at length have instructed the postmaster to say, "*Refused*," and that is all that has been heard from them! Is that honest? The arrears due by subscribers still on the mailing list, for former volumes, are nearly \$600. Add to which about \$300 unpaid on account of the current volume, but *due in advance ever since 1st July, 1865*, and we have a total of \$900, for which our present circle of readers are indebted to the proprietors. (How much has been left unpaid by those who have been dropped from the list, we should be ashamed to say.) We hope that the agent will be able to give a good