

mittee in supplying materials for the various departments of the magazine. We confidently rely on a continuance of help on the part of all who have favored us hitherto, and we hope the coming year to greatly extend our list of contributors.

To Messrs. Dudley and Burns we are indebted for the mechanical excellence of the publication. We have seen many college papers and magazines, and we can say without boasting that in external appearance the MONTHLY is unsurpassed. The work of Messrs. Desbarats & Co., our engravers, speaks for itself. That it is highly creditable to Canadian workmanship, and that it compares favorably with similar work done abroad, will not, we think, be denied.

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Through the favor of Dr. Ludwig Keller, Archiv-Rath at Münster and author of a number of valuable works bearing on the history of evangelical life in the mediæval and reformation times, the Managing Editor is in receipt of the first "Hest" of the monthly publication of the newly organized Comenius Society. Johann Amos Comenius, as some of our readers know, was the last bishop of the Bohemian Brethren. He was born in Moravia, March 28th, 1592. The tercentenary of his birth has recently occurred, and has been suitably celebrated in a great meeting in Berlin. Driven with his brethren from Bohemia in 1624, in the midst of the Thirty Years' Wars, he took refuge in Poland. Compelled to leave Poland in 1654, he settled in Amsterdam. He was noted not more for his religious zeal and his fidelity to evangelical principles than for his educational wisdom. It is chiefly as an educational reformer that his fame has been perpetuated. A bibliographical article in the publication before us shows that his writings have been translated into many languages, and the recent dates of many of the editions of his works, and of the treatises about Comenius and his educational theories, show that interest in the great bishop is still vivid and on the increase. That a society should have been formed for the publication of whatever concerns Comenius and his associates, and for the conservation and direction of interest in his person and work, and that so large a number of prominent men of many countries and many creeds should unite to do him honor, and to bring into increased prominence his life and teachings, speaks eloquently of the vast importance of Comenius in the history of education, and in the history of the Church of Christ.

Among the interesting features of the Comenius publication referred to above, is a poem on Comenius by the great philosopher and mathematician, Leibniz, published apparently for the first time from a manuscript preserved in the public library at Hanover. Perhaps some