

being unrelieved, remains at his post, and will be aided by the same "special co-operation" as he enjoyed last year. There will be some modification of the contents of the Magazine, however. We have attempted too much for our space, and must reluctantly give less room to "Foreign Missions," items concerning which will now appear in the "British and Foreign Record." In accordance with the judgment of the majority of the friends present at Montreal, we shall not continue the "Notes on the Uniform Lessons." Matters relating to Sunday Schools will hereafter be found under the heading "Home and School," which will replace "Good Words for the Family." To this department we hope to devote at least six pages every month, after the present number, so that there may be something for everybody.

Once more, we would ask the co-operation of all our friends in filling the Magazine with prompt intelligence of all the movements of the Congregational churches, and with brief, bright papers on topics of the time. We shall seldom have room for anything long. Nor can we promise to print everything that is sent to us—in prose or verse. We want to make the *INDEPENDENT* distinctive; a true representative of the body; replete with facts and thoughts not to be found elsewhere.

Next, as to "the financial situation." It became the duty of the Editor at the recent Union meeting, to make some very plain statements to the brethren then assembled. With its present circulation the Magazine does not pay the expenses of publication; yet, so nearly so, that the addition of a few hundreds to the list would make it entirely self-supporting. The deficiency, however, gradually accumulating for some years past, had reached such a figure that it was necessary to make a general appeal for special subscriptions to meet the emergency, and to secure the continuance of the Magazine. A number of handsome amounts were pledged, such as Zion Church, Montreal, \$50; Kingston, and Bond Street Church, Toronto, \$25 each; Ottawa and Brantford, and Mr. N. Hamilton, of Paris, \$10, each; and five individuals, \$5 each; the Union voted \$20, and the College \$25, for services rendered. The proprietors have levied an assessment on themselves of \$10 each, and one of their number, C. Whitlaw, Esq., President of the Company, has made his share \$50. The sum asked, however,—\$250 or \$300—was too moderate. It should have been at least \$500. With what has been secured, the proprietors take the responsibility of continuing the Magazine. They must ask, however, the *immediate payment* of the amounts pledged.

But the only lasting remedy for our difficulties is the *INCREASE OF OUR CIRCULATION*. It would need but little effort to add 500 names to the list. But this effort needs to be made everywhere. It is "the power of littles" that needs to be tested—the twos and threes and fives coming in from every quarter.

The proprietors are endeavouring to secure the appointment of a local agent in every church. Rev. J. Wood is co-operating with the publisher in this matter. We publish a partial list in our advertisements this month, and shall be happy to