

Editorial and Correspondence.



EDITORIAL.

THE NEW DOMINION MONTHLY was commenced with considerable diffidence, in the hope of supplying a long-felt and growing want in Canada, namely, that of a high-class literary magazine; and we are happy to have the general testimony of the press of Canada, that the design has been, so far, pretty successfully carried out. We have, also, the still more substantial testimony of a prepaid subscription-list of sixteen hundred, which is receiving considerable additions daily; and this within about two months of the issue of the specimen number.

The only objections we have seen to the NEW DOMINION MONTHLY, in the various notices which have appeared, are the following:—

1. There is too much of it devoted to children; and the illustrated stories in this department are too much like those of Sabbath-School papers, which are numerous and excellent. The latter part of this objection we believe to be well-founded, and mean to leave out in future the class of children's articles and illustrations in question; but, when we consider how large and how important a portion of each family is made up of young folks, we cannot think that twelve pages or so out of sixty-four is too much to devote to suitable matter for them; such, for instance, as appears in this present number.

2. The second objection is, that there is too much selected matter and too little original, and that not of sufficient importance. In considering this objection, it is to be remembered that selected matter may be the very cream of forty or fifty periodicals which are sustained by the best writers of Britain and America, and therefore, without disparagement to Canadian authors, this selected matter may be of a higher class

than if we were wholly confined to original articles. Again, the important articles desiderated would doubtless be on political, philosophical, or scientific subjects, and therefore not likely to interest general readers. Besides, a magazine composed of such original articles, paid for on any tolerably respectable scale, would be far dearer than the NEW DOMINION MONTHLY, whose low price is one of its chief recommendations.

By our present plan we obtain, as already mentioned, contributions from the most celebrated writers of England and America, and furnish them to our readers at a nominal charge. It is purposed, however, to mingle original matter with selections; and, though not at present in a position to pay for such matter, we hope that our circulation may soon warrant such expenditure.

In the meantime, we have to thank several friends for contributions freely offered, some of which appear in the present number. "The Twins," by an Ex-Garrison Chaplain, will be of especial interest as a true story of army life; and the subjoined letter on "Currency," written by a Nova-Scotian gentleman, contains suggestions worthy of attentive consideration at the present time, when a uniform currency has become necessary for the Dominion.

The suggestion has reached us from various quarters, that the ladies desire to see something in the NEW DOMINION MONTHLY more particularly suited to their wants as Housekeepers. We hope they will find that desire met in the Department of Domestic Economy, which will include, besides receipts suitable for the season, useful information on various points. There is also an article on Winter Gardening, written for the Dominion, which, it is hoped, will meet and aid, to some extent, a very general taste for cultivating flowers in the house.