

secular character. The other, our own METHODIST MAGAZINE, now entering, with greater vigour than ever, upon its ninth volume, is devoted not only to literature, but to religion and social progress. We believe that the people of Canada, and especially the nearly a million of Methodists of Canada, can, and will sustain a religious monthly which, while it specially represents Methodism, is friendly to all denominations. It cannot, however, but happen that, where other periodicals are compelled to succumb, this magazine must feel the pinch of the hard times. We hope, therefore, that all our friends will make a personal effort to get, at least, *one* new subscriber, to make up for those compelled to discontinue and to extend our list as much as possible. The magazine, this year, will be better than ever before. We receive many expressions of appreciation. We quote but one, from an American ex-sterling Methodist periodical the better we like it. It combines ability and good taste in an eminent degree, and its varied contents meet the literary wants of all the members of the family."

While grateful for this foreign testimony, we desire a largely increased native patronage.

The sale of American periodicals in this country, many of them out of harmony with our institutions and sympathies, is very large. No nation worthy of the name is satisfied with an imported foreign literature. We wish to cultivate one of a specially Canadian character, and appeal to the co-operation of loyal Canadians, especially loyal Canadian Methodists, for our support.

THE PRINCESS ALICE.

"Death knocks alike," says the Roman moralist, "at the palaces of kings and the cottage of the poor."* This fact is brought painfully to our consciousness by the sore bereavement of the happy ducal home of

Hesse-Darmstadt. The fair English princess,

"So young, so good, so much well done
Of life's best work, so much left still to do,"

stricken down, a sacrifice to her mother-love and care, calls forth the sympathy of every heart. That sympathy which is felt in every English-speaking home, brings the lofty and the lowly together with the sense of a common sorrow, and is the touch of nature that makes the world akin. But our hearts turn with deepest feeling towards the twice-stricken mother and queen, to whom the fatal fourteenth of December will henceforth be an anniversary of double sadness. The spontaneous expression of her people's love and sorrow has deeply touched Her Majesty, and, as she feelingly says, "will remain engraven on her heart." Again may we use the words of the laureate uttered with reference to her first great bereavement:—

Break not, O woman's heart, but still endure :
Break not, for thou art Royal, but endure,
Remembering all the beauty of that star
Which shone so close beside thee, that ye made
One light together, but has past and left
The crown a lonely splendour.

May all love,
His love, unseen but felt, o'ershadow thee,
The love of all thy sons encompass thee,
The love of all thy daughters cherish thee,
The love of all thy people comfort thee,
Till God's love set thee at his side again.

One of the most touching tributes to the Princess that we have seen is the following, which, as it would lose much of its beauty by translation, we leave in the original :

IN OBITUM PRINCEISSÆ ALICÆ.

Filia cara, soror dulcis, fidissima conjux,
Mater, cui soboles vita pretiosior ipsa,
Te tua voce una gemit Anglia, te memor isdem
Prosequitur lacrymis, te nunquam oblita silebit.

METHODIST MISSIONS AND THE INDIAN TRIBES.

The following item with reference to this subject is of interest : The Hon. Senator Aikins, in a speech as chairman at a missionary meeting held in the Dominion Methodist Church, Ottawa, referring to the late Rev. Mr. Macdougall's influence in the North-west, said that the

* Pallida Mors æquo pulsat pede pauperum tabernas,
Regumque turrets.—HOR. *Carm. I. Od. IV.*