

certain periodicals on our exchange list. We have occasion to know, as well as any other publishing office, how difficult it is to give attention to every detail of a fast-developing business within a given time; but we think it right to record that those publications which, with the beginning of the year omit to enter us upon their exchange list, are likely to be dropped from ours. Life is too short, and our own business too pressing, and already too considerable, for us to give time to writing in individual cases. With such Canadian Magazines on our exchange list as our contemporary, the *British Columbia Magazine*, and the *Review of Reviews*, established by the late Doyen of British journalists, Mr. W. T. Stead, among our British exchanges, we have little to say to other publications other than this, that we shall welcome reciprocity, but that unless they exercise "freewill" in putting us on their "exchange" list, they are not likely to be "predestined" to remain long on ours.

A "SPATE" OF PUBLICATIONS

With the Fall season, there was something of a "spate" of new publications in Vancouver city. One weekly, which promised well in many ways, lived only a few weeks, another changed to a monthly, and of the remainder reports are not to hand. Putting a publication through the press and keeping it going is, like many other things in life, not nearly so easy from the inside as it may seem from the outside.

ARTHUR'S VOW

"I made them lay their hands in mine and swear
 To reverence the King, as if he were
 Their conscience, and their conscience as their King,
 To break the heathen and uphold the Christ,
 To ride abroad redressing human wrongs,
 To speak no slander, no, nor listen to it,
 To honour his own word as if his God's,
 To lead sweet lives in purest chastity,
 To love one maiden only, cleave to her,
 And worship her by years of noble deeds,
 Until they won her; for indeed I knew
 Of no more subtle master under heaven
 Than is the maiden passion for a maid,
 Not only to keep down the base in man,
 But teach high thought, and amiable words
 And courtliness, and the desire of fame,
 And love of truth, and all that makes a man."

—Tennyson.