

commencing this journal, nor do the editors intend to make the news column more than a subordinate department of the MONTHLY.

"We intend to give more space to the discussion of questions affecting the welfare of the College and the interests of theological learning. * * KNOX COLLEGE MONTHLY will welcome articles whose object it is to improve the facilities for the higher education of students.

"In theological science positions which but lately seemed impregnable are now assailed. Men of great learning and thoughtfulness are challenging the Church to prove the fundamental truths of Christianity. It behooves every Christian, certainly every man whose life-work is the preaching of the Gospel, to establish himself in his faith by examining the questions raised. There are, we doubt not, many in the Presbyterian Church in Canada who are making the examination. Our young country, does not, it is true, afford to ministers the leisure that may be obtained in older lands, yet we would not be even patriotic did we suppose that no results, worthy of preservation, have been reached. Such results we shall be glad to make known in the MONTHLY.

"Our Church's situation would, perforce, cause her to take a deep interest in mission work. * * * *

"We shall strive to make our notices of books sent to us of real service by giving strict justice and avoiding flattery. Theological works published in Canada will receive special attention. * * * "

The paragraphs quoted give the professed objects of the promoters of the MONTHLY, and the first number issued affords illustrations. It contained articles on "Preaching, the great work of the Christian Ministry," "How shall we secure more men for the work of the Christian Ministry?" "Faith Cures," "The Church and Young Men," "College Days"; written by Revs. John Ross, H. H. McPherson, R. P. Mackay, F. R. Beattie, M. McGregor; together with missionary intelligence, college notes, open letters, book notices. The greater part of this matter would have been, according to "Knoxonian," quite as well suited to the pages of any other magazine. I think that if he or any other intelligent and reasonable man will compare the first number with any of the late issues he will see that if it is ever true that "the child is father of the man," it is in the history of the KNOX COLLEGE MONTHLY. The MONTHLY of to-day is not the same as it was in February '83. It is bigger, better, cheaper, more readable, more intelligent, more influential. But the difference is the result of evolution, not of revolution.

(2) The paragraphs referring to the theological tone of the MONTHLY are calculated, so far as they have any influence, to mislead uninformed readers, because of their vagueness, their indirectness, their insinuating