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SEEING that the REVIEW goes this month to a number of new subscribers, it is proper, no doubt, to explain anew the nature and scope of its work. Those who have followed it from the beginning to the present may have observed that its course has not been overly even and steady. There is a place for it all acknowledge; but all, including ourselves, acknowledge too that it has not always filled its proper and destined place. It was intended to fill up the breach between the *Scattered Seeds* and the *Children's Friend* on the one hand and the *Intelligencer and Journal* on the other. But we admit that it has not always adjusted itself to this breach. The most frequent criticism has been: "It is too old; it

does not join on where the children's journals end, and it may have been as blind on the other side." Friendly criticism and experience is bringing it nearer, and will in time, we trust, adjust it perfectly. The waste that was left uncultivated between the two fruitful fields is broad, quite broad enough for the REVIEW's ambition. It will not trespass knowingly in the fields where the *Scattered Seeds* are germinating, nor yet among the ripe harvests of the *Intelligencer's* maturer thought, but will easily and most willingly content itself in tilling the intervening desert—making it "to blossom as the rose." The REVIEW makes this request to its correspondents, that they remember when writing for its columns that they are to address, not so much that period of life represented by the "germ and tender blade," nor yet the matured "seed time and harvest," but rather *the beautiful and fragrant blossom time*.

This will suffice to make clear the scope of the REVIEW, now concerning its nature: We wish to have it made up, for the most part, of *original* matter. We desire that the young people may not only read it, but may also *write for it*. It is intended not only for their instruction, but also to entice into action talents that are waiting an opportunity. We think it would be a vast benefit to the Society if its members were more generally qualified to present its inestimable principles clearly, intelligently and convincingly before the world, and to be neither afraid nor ashamed to vindicate them when necessary. We hope the REVIEW may win the rising generation more into this way of doing, and be found to help occasionally some youthful mind to discover gifts that will adorn the Society.

THE subject of the propriety of settling disputes between nations by arbitration has been brought prominently before the people of this continent lately by the strong deputation