

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE MONTHLY'S PROGRESS.

The first halting place on the line of our journey has been reached; and after taking in fuel and water—the supplies for our onward progress—we shall presently make a new and fresh start. There have been obstacles in our path, but these have not been insurmountable. Though others loom up before us, we doubt not that when they are reached they will yield to our advance. In the assured position now won for *THE MONTHLY* we should be false to the motives that from the start have impelled us, did we falter now by the way. On financial grounds, at any rate, we have no reason to do so, for the substantial aid of an influential stock-company now happily lies behind our efforts. Other circumstances are equally favourable to our continued labours. Besides this, there is a moral element in every good work the influence of which is as stimulating as it is sustaining. If we will not be accused of arrogance, we may justly claim to be inspired, in the pursuit of our aims, by this potent and energizing force. The end of our endeavours, it will at all events be conceded, is the common good.

For our next year's work we have much in view and not a little already cut out. Those who have hitherto been our contributors promise to continue to write for us. Other and influential names will shortly be introduced to our readers. The January number will contain a thoughtful address on educational topics by Prof. Goldwin Smith, delivered when last in England to the Titus Salt Schools. In the same issue will appear a lively article on the University Question and the administration of the Senate of Toronto University of the affairs of the College. Its author, Mr. J. Howard Hunter, M.A., our readers will be glad to hail on *THE MONTHLY*'s staff of writers. Other

important articles will appear in this and following issues, and valuable assistance is promised from quarters hitherto new to us. Those in charge of the special departments of the magazine assure us also of increased attractions and of continued good work.

As the interests of our readers and our own are one, each subscriber should manifest a personal concern for the success of our work. Especially should this be the case in conducting a professional publication. We may therefore naturally look for an extended support, and for further and active efforts in our behalf. We have had many good words said of us in the past year. It is the good deeds, however, that speak best. The model subscriber will add yet another name to our list, and the model "clubber," pursuing his prey, will make early report to us.

"THE BYSTANDER."

The appearance of the first number of *The Bystander*, a monthly review of current events, Canadian and general, from the pen of one of the most distinguished writers of the time, will be eagerly hailed by the reading community of the Dominion. Its publication makes a substantial and most important addition to the intellectual resources of the country. Rarely, if ever, have passing events in any country been discussed with greater ability than the topics of the day are treated of in the serial before us. One cannot read a page of the magazine before coming to the conclusion that the *critique* is the product of a master-mind, the style of the written-thought of which is as remarkable as the matter. In the latter, indeed, the anonymity of the writer is but ill-concealed. There is no disguise, however, in the expression of the writer's convictions. These are out-