

ECHOES OF LIFE

WELCOME LETTERS

One of the pleasures of Magazine management that counterbalances to some extent, the harassing phases of the work, is the letters that arrive from those interested in the publication and the ideal it seeks to represent.

Some people are averse to writing letters. It is a common saying "Oh, see the man and talk it over and arrange matters"; and no doubt it is often true in business dealings that the conversational method will sometimes serve the end more satisfactorily. On the other hand, letters usually reveal the character fairly fully. If it be true that words "half reveal and half conceal the soul within" in written words a phrase or turn of a sentence will sometimes indicate the deep sincerity (or shallowness, as the case may be) of the writer's mind.

The Moderator's Impress

Though the writer has had the pleasure and privilege of meeting the Rev. Dr. McQueen, the present Moderator of the General Assembly, more than once, a short letter he sent covering his recent "Message" revealed his character more fully. His words, and terse pointed sentences, somehow suggested a bracing breeze from the prairie, and in other ways reflected more clearly the strong personality who has done so much for the Great Cause in the capital city of Alberta. Through that short but happily-phrased communication we understood better the rugged strength and genuine heartening humour of the man which have enabled him to make so great an impress on western church life and work. His is a force of character which would have made itself felt in any sphere of activity.

The Response

As we have good reason to believe that many of our readers have already such a keen though cashless concern in our publication as to be interested in anything affecting its welfare and the extension of our scope and constituency, we may note that the first return received from a subscriber in response to "Our Imperial Policy" option noted in the December number, had two names added to the list, and the very acceptable note began: "In response to your invitation in the current number of the Magazine (which, by the way, is more than usually good) I enclose, etc."

We may add that the new names were not less welcome in that both had addresses attached to them in different parts of the Old Country.

We would indeed be unfaithful to our inheritance if we were not all Imperialists in these days! Let us be cosmopolitan Christians first, and British Imperialists next; then work for an Anglo-Saxon brotherhood.