

## Editorial Postscript.

### IN REGARD TO 1875.

We have nothing further to promise, in regard to the incoming year, than just simply to say that the contributors and editors will do what they can to make the CHRISTIAN MONTHLY for this year, a useful and welcome visitor into such houses as care for plain, practical, doctrinal reading, without novels or sensations of any kind. We have good means of knowing that in its own humble, plain, direct way, our periodical has done good among the young and among the old. People long for its coming each month. Some there are who like solid reading, and they seek first to the heavier articles; others turn first to its poetry; the young, (may God's blessing rest on their reading) turn to the Children's Treasury, and the old to such Christian experience as was given in the story of from "Darkness to Light." We have now three favours to ask of our readers.

1. Do not always blame the publishers of the CHRISTIAN MONTHLY if your copy goes astray. The mailing is done in the city of Toronto by very careful parties. In mailing there may be mistakes sometimes, this is more than likely; but we are convinced that most of the cases where the MONTHLY fails to reach the subscriber, the fault lies in the post office. We are very unwilling to find fault with country Postmasters, for they are on the whole an excellent, punctual, faithful set of public servants, doing troublesome work with little pay and less sympathy; but they, or their substitutes, sometimes commit blunders.

They sometimes say "nothing for you" when there is. They sometimes give the paper that belongs to John Smith, to Jonathan Smith, which causes John to write the publisher of his paper a short letter. There is, we fear, some truth in the following loud complaint of a weekly newspaper which is going round at present, receiving a good many endorsements from publishers.

"A vast reformation is needed in the management of country post offices, for many of these institutions are conducted in the most free and easy, and often in the most careless and inefficient manner. Sometimes the wife or child of the post master, who can scarcely read writing, is the only attendant in the office, and when a paper or a letter is asked for frequently the wrong one is given, or after a short and imperfect search by a careless and incompetent person, the inquirer, who perhaps has walked many miles, is coolly informed that there is nothing for him. It is almost useless to send letters to country offices, but few of them reach the men to whom they are addressed, and there is no publisher of a paper but is troubled by complaints from subscribers who say they do not get their paper regularly. The fault is altogether with the post masters, as every man's paper is sent constantly to the office to which publishers are directed to address it, and as packages for each office are made up separately, it is almost impossible for a practiced hand to make any mistake. It is surely the duty of the Post Office Inspector to look more sharply after country offices than he has been in the habit