

Editor's Table.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

ABOUT OURSELVES.—We have not been able to make the sample number of **EARNEST CHRISTIANITY** equal to what we intended. The difficulties connected with the starting of such an enterprise are very great; but we hope to overcome these in good time, and so to improve upon our first effort as to make our little serial worthy the patronage of the entire church. It would be difficult to improve upon the mechanical execution of the work; but we hope to introduce a greater variety of topics, as well as greater variety of authorship.

THE WATCH-NIGHT SERVICES in Toronto were seasons of interest and profit. The Metropolitan and Richmond Street congregations met together in the former Church,—not less than 1500 persons being present. The Rev. G. Cochran, J. Gemley, and A. Sutherland took part in the service, and a most eloquent and impressive closing address was delivered by Dr. Punshon. In the other churches the congregations were also very large.

 THOSE FRIENDS who have remitted ten cents for the first number, and who now desire to become subscribers, will be credited with the amount so remitted on their year's subscription. Ninety cents additional will pay for the year.

DR. AND MRS. PALMER, of New York, will begin a series of Revival Services in the Queen Street Church, in this city,

on the 9th of the present month. They expect to remain for ten days.

POSTPONED.—An article on "The Higher Christian Life" has been unavoidably crowded out. It will appear in another number.

BOOK NOTICES.

THE PRACTICAL PHILOSOPHER. By David Thomas, D.D. Toronto: Wesleyan Book Room.

There are very few ministers who are not familiar with the name, and, to some extent, with the writings, of Dr. Thomas, Minister of Stockwell Chapel, London, and Editor of *The Homilist*. For many years past Dr. Thomas has directed his attention largely to the homiletical exposition of the Scriptures, and the result has been a series of half-yearly volumes, chiefly the product of his own pen, containing in addition to a large number of Homilies, Sermon outlines, &c., a series of Commentaries on particular books of Scripture, which, for suggestive thought, and practical common sense, cannot be easily matched. The volume mentioned above is the last from his pen. It is a homiletical exposition of the Book of Proverbs, arranged in the form of Daily Readings; and although it was designed by the Author chiefly for business men, it is, nevertheless a volume that may be read with profit by any one. Preachers will find abundance of seed thoughts in the "Practical Philosopher."