

KNOX COLLEGE MONTHLY AS IT WAS AND IS.

Apropos of the suggestion of a Canadian Monthly Magazine, I have a word or two. Without being egotistic I may say that I sat by the cradle of KNOX COLLEGE MONTHLY, heard its first cry, carried it in my arms, taught it to walk, and was one of its tailors when it doffed long clothes and donned trousers. Hence this interest. As a Canadian, a Presbyterian, and a KNOX man, I support the enterprise; and when anonymous attacks are made upon it in our Church papers, I cannot keep silent. On the present occasion I wish to correct several mistakes made by "Knoxonian," in one of his recent articles. As all readers of this magazine are also readers of the *Canada Presbyterian* no injustice will be done if my criticisms appear in the MONTHLY. The article referred to was evidently intended to be complimentary and to hasten the publication of a new Magazine, as proposed in the May issue of the MONTHLY. But it failed in both because of two errors—one of fact, the other of judgment.

(1) It is stated that "the Alumni Association started a little college organ," and that that "organ" "is not now the kind of journal its original promoters intended it to be." Both of these statements are entirely wrong. As a matter of fact neither "Knoxonian" nor the Alumni Association had anything to do with starting the "little college organ." It was started by the students' society, and not until it became a magazine of 64 pages monthly, with a good circulation, and with money in the treasury, did the Alumni Association assume control and responsibility.

And as a matter of fact it is not true that KNOX COLLEGE MONTHLY is not now the kind of journal its promoters intended it to be. "Knoxonian" has no means of knowing what "its promoters ever dreamed of." He was not one of them. He was not a member of the first staff, and if he would refer to any one of those gentlemen, who, during the session of '82-'83, "travelled in birth," and fed the new-born magazine with such literary pabulum as they and other kind friends (one of whom was not the clever "Knoxonian") could provide, he would understand that the KNOX COLLEGE MONTHLY has reached its present position not by any abnormal development, but in accordance with the laws of evolution obtaining in the field of healthy journalism.

In the "Prospectus," printed on the first page of Vol. I., No. 1, the objects of the promoters of the MONTHLY are set forth,—their "dreams" have not been recorded although they have been fulfilled. Here is what they say:

"College news may not seem to some of great importance, but it should command the interest of graduates and students and their friends.

* * * But this is not the chief reason which the Society had for