

The Month.

"Only love ye truth and peace."

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THE FIRST STEP.

To say that the first number of the THE MONTH was given a good reception everywhere is a trite repetition of what we hear around us, and to mention that the editors are proud of the cordial welcome extended their nurseling, is but a feeble expression of the sentiment uppermost in their heart. In our introductory we pleaded "youth" and "first efforts," and, although we were assured of the good wishes of many, we could not dispel certain misgivings as to the manner in which strangers would greet the new comer when left to speak for himself. Happily we could lay our fears aside, for in spite of several errors which slipped into the first number, the readers of THE MONTH were favorably impressed with its literary merit, and they have even praised its neatness of form. We gladly record the kindly words that have appeared in the various journals of the Province. We trusted in the blessing of our good Bishop, and we were not disappointed. The present number is a proof of the sincerity of our endeavors, and it amply shows that a healthy enthusiasm has taken hold of some contributors whose literary attainments, while beneficial

to THE MONTH, entitles them to no small share of appreciation from our readers, and to the cordial thanks of the editors.

A WORD TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Copies of THE MONTH have been addressed to a number of people all through the Province, with an invitation to subscribe. A good few have promptly answered; their subscriptions we gladly received, and we have no doubt that many more will send in their names. We would ask these to do so without delay, so that we may place their names on our register, and that they may receive every number. They have simply to fill up the blank that accompanies the circular which is sent with the sample copy, and to return it to us with the amount of subscription. Those who do not wish to subscribe, we would kindly ask to pass the copy with the circular to others of their friends who perhaps would gladly become regular readers of THE MONTH. Our desire is to have numerous readers, and of course many subscribers. We have faith enough in the future of our monthly to justify such a wish.

OUR GREAT DEAD.

England has lost a noble hearted son, the Empire an illustrious friend, the world a great citizen and the Church on earth one of Her most saintly princes by the death of his Eminence the late Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, Dr. Manning. Last month a writer in this magazine paid an utterly inadequate, but sincerely devoted tribute of affection to him who fittingly was Archbishop in the land where Anselm, Augustine, Thomas of Canterbury, Fisher, Wise-