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THIS number closes the present volume, the first of the "new series." We close the volume with gratitude to Him from whom every blessing flows, and who has vouchsafed that measure of success and strength that keeps hope still beckoning on, and encourages for future continued effort. Our acknowledgments are due to friendly contributors and counsellors, and to those who have interested themselves in the magazine's extension. We have had some hearty co-workers. We trust to carry them with us into the new year. There is need for more to be done. The "News of the Churches" is a want. In this we are dependent necessarily upon individual pastors and members, not being ourselves blessed with ubiquity, and not finding local items in newspapers always such as the local church would give. Friends, help us, you can. Every church should make itself known in the columns of the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT, and have its special correspondent. Reader, has yours? You can also increase the circulation. We have no advertising sheet to contribute to financial success. We ought to have an enlarged *paying* subscription list. No better time for beginning than the new year. Friends begin. As this number is fresh before you, resolve at once to find a new subscriber, and act upon that resolve so that, ere the January number is in press, our Business Manager will have to order an enlarged edition from the printer's hands; and on your own part don't forget "that dollar."

THERE have been complaints that correspondence in by the 20th has not been inserted that month. If anyone will look at the extremely variable amount of correspondence received he will see the impossibility of telling how much space to leave open till the 20th. We cannot leave all. To kindly critics in general

we would say, if any friend will inform editors how always to fill their columns properly and punctually, leaving room till the last moment for fitful correspondence, give sermons to suit one, and leave them out to suit another; give news no one sends, have a mind of his own and touch nobody; be always racy, bright, pointed, brief, full, possessed of an equanimity no amount of discouragement or complaint or praise can disturb, and all for nothing! we promise a vote of thanks, and an endeavour to secure to such a friend a niche in Westminster Abbey.

THE autumnal meeting of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, was held at Bristol, England, in October last. A few items of interest we would indicate. Perhaps first we should notice the reception by that body of a deputation of Anglican clergy, headed by the Dean of Bristol, conveying their fraternal greetings. Such amenities are common among evangelical bodies outside the Anglican communion, but we may venture to say that such a fraternal greeting on the part of Conformists to their Nonconformist brethren is a hitherto unheard of event in English ecclesiastical annals. There, however, it is, and we thank God for it; already it has awakened adverse criticism on the part of many who deem wax tapers and church millinery of greater importance than Christian unity, but what of that? It was a truly Christian spirit which penned such lines as these: "We, the undersigned clergymen of the Church of England resident in Bristol, desire to take part in welcoming the Annual Conference of the Congregational Union to our city, and to give public expression to our respect for our fellow-workers in the cause of Christ. We have one Lord, one faith, one baptism. We wish you God speed in every good work; and we pray that the Holy Spirit may guide you in all your deliberations to