

tion of our present friends and subscribers; for the second, we rely solely upon the help of the Master, whose work we are trying to do.

In regard to the general appearance and contents of the Magazine we have no changes to announce, but we will try to secure articles of still deeper interest than those that have already appeared. In this endeavor we earnestly solicit the aid of our brethren. We do not want labored essays, we do not care for fine writing, but we want articles that go straight to the mark—full of the Holy Ghost and of power.

The revival of the religion of Pentecost is confessedly the great need of the Church to-day. We have numbers, wealth, intelligence—unrivalled machinery for aggressive work,—an ever-widening mission-field; but we do not reap from these the harvest we have a right to expect. What is the great want? We want no new doctrines,—but the old doctrines in new and living exposition; we want no new machinery, but the machinery we have, imbued with a new life; we need no new fields in which to develop our power for work, but we need a renewal of our commission to reap the fields already white unto the harvest. In a word, we need a new baptism of power from on high. We need it to drive back the tide of worldliness that is rising higher every day; we need it to save the church from sinking into utter spiritual paralysis; we need it to rebuke the vaunting scepticism which everywhere defies the armies of the living God; we need it to save the children of our people from drifting away from the church into mere formality, or utter worldliness; we need it to make us mighty in pulling down strongholds, and successful in saving souls from death; we need it—*we must have it*—if we are to fulfil our great mission of “spreading Scriptural holiness over the world.” To keep this great need steadily before the church,—to shew its vast importance, and the method of its attainment,—was the object with which “*Earnest Christianity*” was established: such will continue to be its aim during the coming year.

With such an object in view we confidently bespeak the co-operation of all who love the Lord Jesus, and pray for the prosperity of Zion. In this enterprise we have no personal ends to serve,—we seek the glory of God through the revival of Scriptural holiness in His Church. Brethren, help us! Use your pens in spreading through thousands of families the truths which God enables you to speak in your own congregations. You will thus multiply your power of doing good, and your talents, through God’s blessing, may yield a thousandfold increase. Vast numbers in our church are asleep in reference to the great salvation,—help to awaken them; many others are groping in darkness,—help to lead them into the light. The foe is strong, and we—because of unbelief—are weak. The devil of worldliness hath entered the temple, and “this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.” Let us with one accord come up to the help of the Lord,—not trying to walk in an armour that we have not proved, but out of full hearts testifying what we have felt and seen, putting on the while, “the whole armour of God.” Let us sow the truth with a liberal hand, and He who giveth the early and the latter rain will not withhold His blessing.