

biographical sketches, sickly sentimental novels, columns thrown open for the discussion of every species of unbelief?" Have we not claimed for God's Word a place of honourable supremacy in our homes, schools and churches? Have we made light of sin, or viewed conscience as a faculty subordinate in man's moral economy? What position has Christ, his work, his authority, his glory, held in our columns? Refusing to meddle with the points of difference between evangelical denominations, have we therefore yielded up definite beliefs on the great essentials of our common faith? Seeking, according to our motto, unity in things essential, and liberty in things indifferent, have we in other things forgotten charity? Have we sought the instruction, comfort and edification of our readers rather than their applause? These questions it does not become us to answer. We leave the answer with those who have perused our pages for the last four years. If, however, we stand approved as faithful to God and his Christ to the extent of our judgment and ability, we do no wrong in asking those who think so to help us to gain admission to persons and places where our *Monthly* is unknown. That our publication is not based on selfish motives is surely attested by its character, and also by the fact, that at no period since its inception has it paid expenses. It is plain, that on that footing it cannot exist very long. The ultimate issue lies very much, as this year draws near its close, in the hands of those readers and friends who have in the past rendered generous service and given us unselfish assistance. With their help, now that prosperity is once again visiting our dominion, our *Monthly* may, before the year ends, be placed on a footing that it may be a permanent witness in the Dominion for the truth as it is in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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