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TO OUR READERS.

To avoid probable if not certain pecuniary loss the conductors of this Magazine have resolved that its issue shall cease with the present number. This semi-necessity they cannot but regret,—though in no degree for their own sakes, as their connection with the Magazine has brought them much trouble and anxiety and no little blame; all which, however, were expected and have been submitted to ungrudgingly. Their regret is chiefly on account of certain great principles which urgently need exhibition and elucidation in Canada, and even to not a few ministers and members of the Canada Presbyterian Church; principles that intimately concern the personal honour of our common Saviour, the prosperity of His cause, and the peace of society. We allude in chief, as most of our readers will readily opine, to the sole dependence of the Church on Christ her Divine and Gracious Head, implying of course her entire independence of all civil or secular authority as regards the support of her ordinances, the sanction of her doctrines, the enforcement of her discipline, or even the legal recognition and tolerance of her existence. The cardinal doctrine of Christ's sole undelegated Headship, and the many important doctrines that spring therefrom or relate thereto are far, very far, from being clearly understood by the vast majority of religionists in the land and even in our own section of professing Christians. The muddiest conceptions thereanent prevail with multitudes of the otherwise most enlightened Christian men. Yet who can deny that these principles have a direct and all-important bearing on the spiritual life and progress of the Church? Misconceptions in regard to them have been one of the most fruitful sources of woe to the Church and the world, as our ecclesiastical and civil histories abundantly and painfully attest. The Crown Rights