

monthly magazine, as at present. Mr. Marling at the same time withdrew from the editorship, and Mr. Reikie was pressed into the service, in which he laboured faithfully for seven continuous years, viz., till 1865, from which time Mr. Marling served again for three years longer. In 1859, seven persons agreed to succeed Mr. Mellish in assuming the responsibility of the cost of publication. In 1866 the Proprietary was reconstituted. The name of "The Canadian Independent Publishing Company" was adopted; the determination recorded to devote all profits to denominational literature; and the power of filling vacancies in the number twelve given to the remaining Proprietors, from among ministers or members of Congregational Churches in B. N. A. On this basis, the Company now consists of Mr. C. Whitlaw, President; Mr. A. Christie, Secretary-Treasurer; Revs. Dr. Wilkes, W. F. Clarke, K. M. Fenwick, F. H. Marling, Dr. Wickson and J. Wood; Messrs. G. Hague, J. Turner, P. W. Wood and S. Hodgskin. In 1868, Rev. J. Wood succeeded Mr. Marling as editor, but on his withdrawal, in 1871, the charge fell once more into the former hands.

Our period of service therefore covers seven years, at three different periods, besides which stated assistance was given to the non-resident Editors, Mr. Reikie and Mr. Wood, during most of their ten years of office. Surely then we may claim to have done our full share of this work for the denomination; the request of the church for our release, has not been made too soon.

Long habit may still keep us filling a little corner in these familiar pages, but the honour and responsibility of editorship are cheerfully surrendered into other hands. We can never cease to feel a warm interest in this foster-child, and pray that God's blessing may go with it all its days.

F. H. MARLING.

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