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We can promise that the volumes for 1879 will surpass in interest anything we have yet been able to present. In the two hundred and thirty-five engravings of this year we feel that we have more than fulfilled our announcement made a year ago. Never, we think, in the history of serial literature has so large a number of such high-class engravings been presented at so low a price. We are happy to say that we have completed arrangements for securing a greater range and variety of illustrations for the next year than those of the present year, including a series of specially Methodist interest, a series on Biblical subjects, and a series of Canadian scenes and cities. (See our programme in the November magazine.) In order to meet the demand for increased space each page will be made two lines longer, which will be equivalent to an increase of five pages in each number, or sixty pages in the year. Our Serial Story of the War of 1812 will be, we think, of much superior interest to the story of Canadian life which ends with this number and which has been received with very great favour. In other features, constant improvement—"going on to perfection"—shall be our endeavour. We wish to furnish a fresh and vigorous family magazine, every page of which shall interest, instruct, and religiously edify its readers; and one which shall be loyal to the institutions of our Church and country and to the teachings of Christian orthodoxy.

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without interruption or delay. We expect a large increase, but cannot print beyond the number which we consider assured. If that number be exceeded, we shall be unable to supply subscribers who may be late in renewing. Except in the case of persons who have paid to next June, all subscriptions terminate with the present number, and the publisher has no authority to continue the magazine after the expiration of the subscriptions. Our friends must, therefore, not be offended at the discontinuance of their magazine, unless they send us early notice that they wish their subscription renewed: this we hope will be the case with every one of them.

We have devoted so much space in this number to Christmas reading that we will not occupy any more than simply to wish all our readers, in the highest sense of the expression, a very HAPPY CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR, and to hope that we may continue our pleasant intercourse with them, by means of the printed page, throughout the months of 1879.

#### OUR JANUARY NUMBER.

Among the contents of the January number of this magazine will be no less than four splendidly illustrated articles, viz.:—1. JAPAN AND THE JAPANESE, which will be of much value to our readers, in view of the missionary relations of our Church to that country. 2. THE LOK'S LAND, with a number of superb engravings illustrating recent travel in Palestine. 3. MOOSE HUNTING IN NEW BRUNSWICK, which will be of much interest alike to our Maritime and Western readers. It will be illustrated by exquisite engravings after the designs of H. Sandham, Esq., a member of our Church in Montreal and one of the most accomplished artists in America. 4. ACROSS THE ANDES, with engravings of "a railway in the clouds," the most remarkable in the world, which crosses the Andes at a greater height than the summit of Mount Blanc.

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