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## ABOUT OURSELVES.

“**E**ARNEST CHRISTIANITY” has not ceased to be published, nor is it amalgamated with any other periodical. It is still continued on the independent basis on which it was originally started. To some this will be a source of regret, to others of satisfaction. In order that our own attitude may not be misunderstood, we append a few explanatory observations.

Two years ago we began the publication of **EARNEST CHRISTIANITY** as an independent enterprise, not in antagonism to any interest of the Church, but—as we believed—to supply a deeply felt want. Up to the present time we have continued its publication entirely at our own risk, and without one word of support or encouragement from any official source; in fact it has been treated with studied coldness,—its very existence practically ignored,—and, but for the advertisements which we inserted in the papers, the Methodist public might have remained in blissful ignorance that such a Magazine was published at all. Notwithstanding this entire absence of official patronage, **EARNEST CHRISTIANITY** still lives, without the slightest symptom of waning vigor.

When the General Conference decided to authorize the publication of a Connexional Magazine, it was recommended that negotiations be opened with a view to the transfer of “**E. C.**” to the Book Room, and its amalgamation with the new publication. Before the General Conference adjourned, the Book Steward asked the Editor of this Magazine if he had any objection to state what he was willing to do in regard to a transfer. As we had no