

PREFACE.

Our annual chronicle of events connected with the Churches is again drawing towards completion. Set for the elucidation and defence of the great principles of the New Testament, we have honestly and constantly endeavoured to meet the responsibilities of the position, and thus to advance the glory of God, and the good of men. We hold it to be the imperative duty of christians rightly to employ the agency of the Press for diffusing throughout society true and godly principles. The power of an impure, frivolous and anti-christian literature must be overcome by the higher influence of that which is healthy, and imbued with the Spirit of JESUS. A religious monthly periodical has its own share of this work to do, and our hope is, that the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT will ever be found contributing its *quota*,—and doing it heartily, as unto the Lord. The numerous friends whose contributions and communications have enriched our pages, have our cordial appreciation and thanks. We close the Volume, commending our work to the favour of HIM whose blessing maketh rich, and addeth no sorrow.

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