

some months past." While sympathizing with an ill-used contemporary, the proprietors of the *Canadian Independent* may derive encouragement from a comparison of balance-sheets with it, for though there are still too many delinquents on the list of subscribers to our own periodical, the sum owing is only about a moiety of that which has proved so embarrassing and fatal to a similar journal. Defaulters should take warning from this case, and in view of the disastrous results which sometimes flow from non-payment, rouse to greater promptitude. The plea "oh! it's only a dollar" made by 1200 individuals, has stilled the voice of a faithful witness for the truth.

Our reasons for regretting the discontinuance of the *U. P. Magazine*, are very much the same as those expressed by its conductors in the valedictory editorial. They are "chiefly on account of certain great principles which urgently need exhibition and elucidation in Canada;"—such as, the church's independence of the civil power, Christ's sole, undelegated, headship, and the important doctrines therewith connected. For these the *U. P. Magazine* has earnestly contended. The valedictory says, there is no hope that any other serial propounding similar principles will find its way into the families of the Canada Presbyterian Church, but that though "the official and patronized organs may now and then utter a grumble or a growl when any state favour is bestowed on a sister sect," there is no likelihood that they will "boldly assail the principle of church-and-state-connexion." We think this is a too desponding view of matters. These principles are held by a large proportion of the membership and some of the ministers of the Free as well as U. P. section of the now united body. Such principles are like leaven—they must and will work. The convictions of good men on these points will find expression *somewhere*. Another periodical, perhaps a weekly broadsheet, will we trust come into being. Meantime, so far as the *Canadian Independent* can supply a felt lack, or furnish opportunity of utterance for such as cannot keep silence, we are bold to say it is very much at the service of our late U. P. and now C. P. brethren.

But our object in this article is more especially to call attention to certain last words of the deceased magazine, referring specifically to Congregationalists, and bearing upon the practicability and desirableness of ecclesiastical amalgamation. It were at once disrespectful and unfriendly to pass them by unheeded, coming as they do from a quarter to which we have looked with a peculiar fellow-feeling, and from which we have had for years pleasant and prized fraternal recognition. There is a strange mixture of kindness and cruelty in these farewell words. They breathe affection, but at the same time betray distrust. They express warm desires for closer union between Presbyterians and Congregationalists, and yet are terribly open to the charge: "Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother, thou slanderest thine own mother's son." The farewell kiss is accompanied by an unexpected rally of strength, and a deadly thrust under the fifth rib.

That we have not characterized these dying words too strongly, the following quotation will show: "As to Congregationalists, while many of them are the glory of the land, it is well known that a large section of them are far from orthodox. Not to speak of other errors in which they indulge, they reduce the doctrine of the atonement to almost nothing. Negative Theology is eating the life out of no small proportion of them. In such circumstances, it is felt that an orthodox Presbyterianism would be an unspeakable boon."