

We write neither flatteringly nor affectedly, but with the earnest hope that if our readers should occasionally miss the practised hand of the former Editor, they may remember the diffidence with which we consented to fill the vacant post, and may cover with the mantle of charity all our sins and shortcomings. Like Jeremy Taylor, whose youthfulness was objected to by King Charles the First, to whom he had been recommended as chaplain, "we hope, by the grace of God, to grow older," and by a diligent employment of our little skill, to secure the fulfilment of the promise, "whosoever hath, to him shall be given."

We bring to our work no faint heart, however. Deeply do we feel the responsibility of addressing monthly, from our editorial pulpit, the thousands who either subscribe for, or borrow, the *Canadian Independent*. We know well how difficult it is to *speak*, so that we shall profit while we please, and please while we profit our hearers, and the difficulty is certainly not less in respect to *writing*. So with regard to selections and communications. While keeping open column for the discussion of all questions affecting truth and duty, it must always be kept so under control, that the moment it ceases to promote these high ends, it shall be brought to a close. All this is a new and untried experience to us and we have entered upon it much as Abraham went out of Haran,—“not knowing whither he went.” But “seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not.” A christian editor, more than most men, needs a wise head, a firm hand, and a loving heart. Our prayer and purpose shall ever be to realize this *beau idéal*.

Our readers will, we are sure, be as much gratified at learning, as we are in being able to announce, that we are to enjoy the special coöperation of the late Editor, as well as of the brother who has for several years rendered him similar service in conducting this Magazine. To both these brethren we are much indebted for being able, at such short notice, to issue the first number of our new Volume at the usual time. We hope to hear from them every month. We also confidently look for the assistance of all our brethren, as occasion may require, in the way of communications, correspondence, and religious news, to be the vehicle of which is one of the objects for which this Magazine has been established.

“Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified.”

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According to custom, the Proprietors of the "*Canadian Independent*" held their annual meeting at the time of the meeting of the Union in Hamilton. Mr. Alexander Christie, the Business Agent, presented an exhibit of its financial position and subscription list, of which the following is an abstract:—

182 new names had been added to the list of subscribers, while only 30 had signified their desire to discontinue; 21 other names, however, had been removed