

While the souls of men are dying,
 And the Master calls for you.
 Take the task He gives you gladly,
 Let His work your pleasure be;
 Answer quickly when He calleth:
 'Here am I, send me, send me.'"

WIPE IT OUT.

We are really ashamed to write it, but the unpleasant truth must be told,—there is now due to the Proprietors of this Magazine, by subscribers, the sum of \$700, some of which has been owing *two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight years!*—as they well understand by the amount marked against them, *at the right hand of their address.* The Publisher has been unwilling to strike their names off the list of subscribers, hoping that their slumbering conscience would some day awake, and wipe out the unsightly score. But "hope long deferred maketh the heart sick," and necessity constrains us to make another appeal to their honour and honesty to pay their just debt, we will forgive them the *interest.*

Seriously, we begin to think this credit system is all wrong, and that by forbearing so long with subscribers in arrears we are teaching them to regard it as no great harm to take a magazine, or a newspaper, with all the expenditure of brain and money that are required to carry it forward, and that for years together, and never pay for it! And we hereby advise delinquents of the fact that a new *regime* is likely soon to be inaugurated, with regard at least to *incorrigibles*, and that if they value the Magazine (as their non-refusal of it at the Post Office would seem to indicate), they must do, as the Proprietors have to do, pay as they go!

IS CONTROVERSY WRONG?

There are persons who have a morbid fear of the discussion of any subject. They have confounded discussion with quarrelling, and connected controversy with bitter feelings. Many prophesy the damage, if not the destruction of any magazine, or periodical which shall open its columns to it. Hence they would have all subjects leading to a difference of opinion, or that may end in such an expression of difference, carefully avoided. Some people's religion is of such a gingerbread type, that it is endangered by looking at more than one side of any question. In fact, it is to them a source of great uneasiness that anything in religion, should be questioned at all. Some of the weaker sort, think it quite cause enough for giving up a religious magazine, that it has published the discussion of a doctrine or practice of the church as viewed from different stand points. What pious horror is felt at an argument. How many would almost faint if obliged to hear one; and would be unhappy for a whole day, if they happened to read the reasons somebody offered for differing from some other person. With look lugubrious they would speak of it as "an unhappy controversy," and suggest that it should be immediately stopped, or the wire edge of somebody's piety will be turned, or the delicate fabric of their religion will be dissolved.

There is another class of the community who claim to be heard; a class whose piety is quite as useful, and of a sturdier growth; men who believe