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PREFATORY NOTE.

It is with feelings of thankfulness to God the editor writes this note in closing the Fourth Volume of the CHRISTIAN MONTHLY. Thus far the work has been hard and self-denying, but pleasant, and to some extent, surely useful. With his readers the relation of the editor has been very much as a pastor to his flock,—and to that flock, scattered throughout the Dominion and other lands, he sends his best wishes and thanks.

It has been a cause of trouble to the editor that the Magazine, owing to causes over which he has little control, is often late in the month of making its appearance. He also regrets that from his being unable to see the proof-sheets before going to press, typographical errors creep in, and that in several instances selections have not been correctly credited to the papers whence they were taken.

The editor asks his readers to continue their interest in this "Monthly," and to assist him as far as they can to increase the number of subscribers for the volume which begins with July and ends with December of this year, which will be sent for Fifty Cents, free of Postage, to those now giving in their names.