

less in its discrimination between truth and error, righteousness and sin—its aim and effort will ever be to speak the truth *in love*, and it is humbly hoped that “nought set down in malice” will ever dishonour its columns.

It may be proper to observe that the Magazine will not be under the supervision of any ecclesiastical body. It does not come forth under the auspices or as the accredited organ of any particular denomination. For the doctrinal theories that it will advocate, the system of practical morality that it will uphold, and the spirit that it will display in the discussion of all questions, its conductors will be exclusively responsible. The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments will be its ultimate standard of appeal.

“Speaking the truth in love” will ever be its motto. The advancement of the cause of truth and righteousness will ever be its exclusive aim, and “whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report,” it will be *the monthly advocate* of “these things.”

We enter upon our work, conscious of our personal weakness, yet relying on the promised aid of Him who could make Jesse’s ruddy boy strong against the Philistine of Gath, who could make Gideon’s feeble band strong against the mighty hosts of Midian, and who can make “the weak things of the world confound the things which are mighty and things which are despised, and things which are not, bring to nought things that are.” “May the Lord of Hosts be with us, and the God of Jacob be our refuge.”

THE GREAT DAY.

BY THE EDITOR.

There have been some great and notable days, in the past history of our world. It was a great day when the globe emerged from its primitive chaos—when God said: “Let there be light, and there was light.” It was a great day when “the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened,” and the waters began to rise, that swept away the world of the ungodly. It was a great day when the sun stood still upon Gideon, and the moon in the valley of Ajalon, and the stars in their courses fought against Sisera. It was a great day when the Son of God was crucified on Calvary, when the sun covered himself with darkness, and the earth quaked, and the rocks were rent, in honour of their suffering Lord. And there will be some great days yet, before that the angel shall stand with one foot upon the sea, and another upon the land, and swear by him that liveth for ever and ever, that “there shall be time no longer.”