

P R E F A C E .

We can never stop the clock of time : with the issue of the June Magazine another year's work in this department of labour ends. The results of our existence are known to Him who searcheth all hearts and trieth all spirits ; our aim has been to do good as we had opportunity. Unlike that of a book, the preface to a periodical is valedictory. The closing words have a view to a renewed life in a succeeding volume. Our present adieu is therefore intended to pave the way for volume ninth.

Denominational improvement and progress are cherished objects, for which we feel called to employ all lawful and scriptural means. *Our* mission demands the continued and efficient use of the Press. Stop my magazine may sometimes escape the lips from various causes ; our readers we hope are not in this humour, but rising to a sense of the importance of the times in which we live, and intelligently conscious of the need of such a paper for the advocacy of our principles and the diffusion of our news, are preparing more than ever to sustain and welcome it. The Non-conformists of 1662, whose memories we cherish, had no advantage of a periodical literature for combination of movement, or defence of the rights of conscience. Tyranny would have crushed such an effort under foot. We live in happier times, let us value and live up to our privileges. What thankfulness is due to God who giveth us peace in the land, while a neighbouring country is torn and bleeding. We notice by our exchange list that it has gone hard with some of our contemporaries in the States, whom it was our wont to peruse with much satisfaction : that they have ceased to be, is one of the legion of evils springing from horrid war. Obtaining help of God and favour of the people, the *Canadian Independent*, it is hoped, will continue to lift up a testimony for the truth as it is in Jesus, and record the bloodless victories of the growing empire of our King.

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