

bestowment of the Spirit upon the handful of souls which composed the infant Church of the Redeemer. Surely there is a lesson in all this for us. If we would see the repetition of these scenes on a grander scale, we too must, as a grand work of preparation, wait for the "Promise of the Father." It is no economy of time to engage in any great undertaking until thorough and ample preparation has been made for it; and of nothing is this observation more correct than of that which is the most important of all works—the work of soul-saving.

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PAST AND FUTURE.

WITH fervent thanksgiving to our Divine Master, we present our readers with the last number of the third volume of "EARNEST CHRISTIANITY." The work of editing the Magazine has been to us a labour of love, and has pleasantly filled up many spare hours while travelling in cars and steamboats. In fact, the principal part of the editorial work has been done while journeying from place to place; and we have thus been able to turn to good account time that, without such employment, might have run to waste.

We enter upon the work of the coming year with bright hopes and prospects. From many quarters we receive cheering assurance that our humble efforts to spread abroad a literature imbued with the spirit and teachings of scriptural holiness, are warmly appreciated; and promises of hearty support, in promoting the circulation of the Magazine, are neither few nor far between. At one period, during the past year, we had almost concluded to let the publication cease at the end of the present volume; but the requests to continue were so many and so urgent, that we dare not assume the responsibility of giving up an enterprise that God had already deigned to bless to the good of many. While thus yielding to strong convictions of duty, we resume a work which brings us no pecuniary gain. During the past year the Magazine did not meet the cost of publication; and it will probably require all the increased income of next year to balance the loss of the past. Our aim is not to make money, but to do good by a diligent use of such gifts as God has given us.

To our dear brethren who have aided us by their pens, we tender our grateful thanks—only regretting that our limited income does not permit us, at present, to make some more substantial acknowledgment. We trust they will not become weary in well-doing, but will continue to edify our readers during the coming year.