

others bid fair to do so at no distant day, and all of them are such as will require clear heads and stout hearts to grapple with them. These are not the days for sitting silent and indifferent as regards the landmarks of truth and error, or for giving forth an uncertain sound; but days in which it behoves every man who has the cause of truth at heart, to speak boldly and fearlessly in its defence.

The United Church can, we think, easily maintain two periodicals, and perhaps it will be of advantage to have two, one for intelligence and one for discussion. Before, however, resolving on the continuation of the Magazine, it is necessary to ascertain how far it is likely to receive support in future. The course to be followed will depend entirely upon that point being satisfactorily settled. At present, we believe, the Magazine is paying its way, and of course, it is only by about the same number of subscribers continuing their subscriptions, that it can be expected to do so in future. It cannot continue to be published if the doing so will entail loss. If it should be resolved to continue the Magazine, it will be devoted chiefly to promoting the interests of the United Church, but will also supply information respecting Missions and other Churches.

Since the retirement of the late editor, it has been conducted entirely by laymen, members of the Church, and it will, if its existence is prolonged, continue to be under their care, while no effort will be spared to secure varied and vigorous articles for its pages, and so render it worthy of support.

THE LATE REV. JOHN CASSIE, M. A.

In April last, the Church had to mourn the loss of a venerable Father. Since then, death has paid another visit, and removed, in a very sudden manner, the Rev. John Cassie, of Port Hope,—an able and highly respected minister,—one of the pioneers of the U. P. Church in this Province.

The Rev. Mr. Cassie was a native of Peterhead, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, and was educated at the University of Aberdeen, which he entered at an early age. During his college course, he occupied a highly respectable position in the various classes,—especially in the department of Mathematics, in which he took honours; and at the close of his curriculum, he received the degree of M. A.

In 1828 or 1829, he entered the Divinity Hall of the United Secession Church, and, after passing through the regular course of study, received license as a Probationer. In November, 1834, he came to this Province as a Missionary from the Church in Scotland; and in March, 1835, was inducted to the pastoral charge of the Congregation at Port Hope.

In the early part of the present year, feeling his strength failing, he tendered the resignation of his charge, which was accepted by the Presbytery of Durham, and a member of Presbytery was appointed