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## CLOSE OF VOLUME III.

The close of Volume III. is now reached. Whatever may be the intrinsic value of these volumes, it is certain that the monthly publication of the *Gospel Tribune*, during the three years of its existence, has resulted in the wide diffusion of a very large amount of moral and religious reading. Tract Societies have a very good method of giving the readers of their Annual Reports a definite idea of the mass of reading they yearly put in circulation. Adopting their plan of making an average tract page the unit of computation, and knowing that there have been thrown from the press 4,300 copies of volume I., 6,700 of volume II., and 8,000 of volume III, giving a total for the three years of 19,000 separate and complete volumes, each containing 336 pages so large as to make each volume equivalent to 1,008 average tract pages, it is found that in the past three years there has been issued from the office of the *Gospel Tribune* an amount of reading equal to the contents of 19,152,000 average tract pages, which, if equally distributed, would give eighteen pages to every man, woman, and child in Canada West. An annual supply of six pages to each! This gives a clear conception of the amount of work done. As to its value little can here be said. The aim of the conductor has been to remove as far as possible, all hinderances to the full and unbroken fellowship of God's true children, while labouring to awaken and keep in active exercise the high and holy principles which give character and tone to a sound, healthy, religious life. And while conscious of having acted in all cases according to the best of his judgment, he sees many, very many improvements which still remain to be introduced, and many, very many blemishes which require to be removed. Of these convictions he hopes to give satisfactory proof in the style and management of the coming volumes. In relation to the time of issuing volume IV., the following announcement was published on the inside of the *Tribune* cover as early as February last:—

## PROSPECTUS OF VOL IV.

THE VOLUME TO COMMENCE AND END IN 1858.

The *Gospel Tribune* has now a larger subscription list than it ever before enjoyed; indeed, in relation to the greatness and increase in the number of its subscribers, its career has been, from the beginning

without a parallel in the history of religious journalism in Canada; and the same is believed to be true in relation to the greatness of the proportion of the subscriptions actually paid to the publisher; so that he has more encouragement to press onward in his work than any proprietor of a religious paper ever heretofore enjoyed in this Province; and hence he thus early announces a fourth volume, as above indicated, intimating that he will have a vacation of a few months after he completes the third volume, and before he enters upon the labours of the fourth, in order:—

1st. To allow time to secure great improvement in office facilities, for the better management of the printing and general business of the journal.

2nd. To gain the advantage of having the beginning and end of each volume correspond with the beginning and end of each successive year.—this being the desire of very many subscribers, that they may be the better able to keep their subscriptions paid punctually in advance.

3rd. To afford time and opportunity to gather in about three thousand dollars of unpaid subscriptions, the aid of which is needed to secure the improvements under contemplation as already named. Inasmuch as the gathering in of these thousands, by collecting Agents, scattered as the subscriptions are over the whole Province, is obviously a work of much labour and great expense, the proprietor is induced to make this special offer, that he will accept of payment at the single rate of one dollar per volume [same as if paid in advance] from every subscriber in arrears, who sends in the money by mail as directed on the last page of each number. And, that he may know precisely what to send, let him turn to the first page of his last received number and examine the small bluish stamp, which bears his printed name, and with which his paper is addressed, on the upper left hand corner of the page. On the right extremity of the small bluish stamp, and apart from his name, he will see one or more letters of the alphabet—these letters are symbols; to be understood as follows:—

Case 1st. If the symbol is found to be a single letter printed as it is usually printed, and not turned upside down, it signifies that the subscriber's paper is paid up to the end of April 1857.

Case 2nd. If the symbol is found to be a single letter, turned upside down, it signifies that Vol. III. remains unpaid; hence one dollar must be sent in order to pay up to the end of April, 1857; if two letters are found, so turned upside down then two dollars must be sent—if three letters, then three dollars must be sent, as the three inverted letters signify that all the three volumes remain unpaid.

Case 3rd. If the symbol is found to be a single letter not turned upside down, with the figure 4 standing before it, this signifies that the subscription commenced with the 4th quarter and that a quarter dollar more will pay, in full, up to the end of the next or following volume—if the letter, after the figure 4, is turned upside down, this signifies that a quarter dollar must be sent in to pay