

The past cannot be recalled. Let us pray God that it may be forgiven, and that by His grace we may be enabled to act wisely for the future. The more that has already run to waste, the more urgent the necessity for redeeming the uncertain little that remains. Let us form some wise plan of procedure, and force ourselves to adhere to it, determined to turn to the best account such opportunities of improvement and of duty, as Providence has placed within our reach. Let us work while it is day, doing with our might whatsoever our hand findeth to do. Let us spend each day as if we were sure it were to be our last. Let us every night supplicate pardon and acceptance with God, through the merits of the Saviour, as earnestly as if we knew we were to awake in eternity.

Is it thought by some that it would be a miserable, melancholy thing to lead a life of such devotedness, and with death and eternity thus constantly in view? Alas for the condition of those to whom duty is incompatible with enjoyment! Their pleasures must be only those of sin, which are but for a moment, and miserably unsatisfactory even while they last. Real peace to the wicked there can be none. Wisdom's (Religion's) ways are pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. In keeping God's commandments there is a great reward. And why should death be an object of terror to those to whom the Gospel is preached, and life and immortality brought to light by it? If after death we were to enter into a state of which we knew nothing, then we might well be excused for clinging to the present world, in which there is, after all, a great deal of enjoyment. If after death, we were to sink into annihilation, then the prospect would be gloomy indeed. If after death, we knew that the indignation and anguish and wrath, due on account of our sins, were to be inflicted on us, the anticipation of it would be inexpressibly horrible. But to a real Christian how contrary is the case! Not only does he know that he shall exist for ever, but trusts that after death he shall be received into joy unspeakable and full of glory. Surely, then, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. Surely, if we sincerely and stedfastly believed, we should be willing at any time to depart, and be with Christ, which is far better, than to live, even in the most favoured circumstances, here upon earth. If our treasure be in heaven, our hearts will be there also, and to us it will be Christ to live and gain to die!

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## FRIENDLY HINTS ON SUPPORTING THE MAGAZINE.

*To the Editor of the Canadian United Presbyterian Magazine.*

! Dear Sir,—I felt gladdened, in common, I have no doubt, with many others of your readers, by the announcement, in the number for December, that the magazine will be continued. Its stoppage would be no small calamity to the interests of our Church, of sound religious truth, and of really liberal sentiment, Sir, we cannot now afford to be without the magazine; and as you justly state, its continuance is essential to the welfare of the Church. Our distinctive principles,—not sectarian, but broad and scriptural, require the Magazine as a medium, for making them duly known in Canada, which is not yet the case, not from any difficulty in them, but because they have not been brought out