

P R E F A C E .

By the good hand of God we have been led through the work of another year, our monthly issues have gone forth on a mission of peace and good will to men, and again we close a volume ; many of the works of men are designed to reach what is evanescent as the gourd of Jonah, which came up in a night and perished in a night, but we venture the hope that the enlightenment of the mind and the impressions of the heart made by the dissemination of truth in our pages, may be lasting as eternity. Human imperfection has mingled in our work, with this discriminating friendship will forbear, and seek to place in higher efficiency a periodical devoted to advance principles warmly loved, and which possess force enough to live in spite of opposition. Although the superior periodical literature of the day wears a garb of beauty and suggests points of contrast to ourselves, yet men of sense can discriminate, for can that judgment be good, that prefers in affection the jewelled and refined stranger, to the homely and faithful friends of one's own house ?

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