

## THE MAGAZINE.

In bringing to a conclusion the Sixth Volume of the Magazine we desire to cherish the most fervent gratitude to the Father of mercies for his sustaining kindness during the years that have elapsed, since we very reluctantly entered on our editorial labours. Our best thanks also are most respectfully offered to the excellent contributors who have favoured us with assistance, and to all our readers and friends. At the outset we had no expectation of continuing our services for such a length of time. We have always declared that on a Union being effected between the Presbyterian Church of Canada and ours, we should gladly withdraw from the field; and we still indulge the hope of being released by the accomplishment of that happy event on sound and satisfactory principles.

For a time we feared that pecuniary considerations would have led to the extinction of the Magazine. It is highly satisfactory, however, to be able to say, that for the last year or two, notwithstanding the badness of the times, our circumstances have been better. Indeed a small profit is now realised, and were it not for a considerable debt contracted at the first, which ought in all fairness to be paid, the price of the Magazine might now be reduced. It would be unpardonable here not to acknowledge our great obligations to the Committee of Publication, by whom the business is so admirably managed, and by whom we are most kindly relieved from all responsibility and trouble about matters financial.

We have been in the habit of sending to Britain upwards of 100 copies of the Magazine, and have some reason to believe that these have been useful in diffusing information respecting our Church in the Province, and keeping alive a feeling of interest towards it in the minds of brethren at home. We regret that a recent Postal arrangement here interferes with our plan. We have intimated that we would continue transmitting copies only to those who should pay to Messrs. Oliphant & Co., Booksellers, Edinburgh, the sum of 6d. as postage. The Committee have resolved to send till the close of this year. Afterwards, we are sorry to say, the names of those who have not paid must be dropped from our list.

We cordially concur with our readers in the joyous anticipation of returning commercial prosperity, resulting from the bounteous harvest Providence has graciously afforded us. This, we trust, will prove beneficial to our Church, in a temporal point of view, and will contribute to her independence and extension. We hope the benefit will also extend to the Magazine. Its circulation might be greatly increased; and contemplating no personal object, but aiming at the good of the Church, we confess we should be glad to see an enlargement of its sphere.

To our contributors we present an earnest solicitation for an extension of their valuable co-operation; and sincerely thanking a number of Ministers and other friends who have made efforts on our behalf, we venture to hope that they will kindly continue their good offices. We feel deeply obliged to our readers for their indulgence, and trust the relation subsisting between us will be happily prolonged.