

And now, my dear Christian friends, in bidding you a final farewell, let me again assure you of my heartfelt gratitude for all the kindness and tender sympathy I have received at your hands, and with the sincerest wishes and prayers for both your spiritual and temporal well-being, to say that

I remain your affectionate sister in Christ,

AGNES KENNEDY.

## THE EDITOR TO HIS READERS.

IT has been found altogether impracticable to continue the late Rev. Robert Kennedy's Periodicals, to the same extent and on the same footing, for the reasons given below by the Publisher. I am willing to assist in endeavoring to keep up the leading paper of the series, (*GOOD NEWS*), under the name of the *CHRISTIAN MONTHLY*.

1. Because some of the old subscribers wish this monthly to be continued, believing that such a periodical is fitted to do good, and they have accordingly forwarded their subscriptions for the year 1873-4.

2. Because it would be unfair to Mrs. Kennedy, and her four little children, should no attempt be made to realize something for them from a work to which her husband had devoted several years, the best of his life, and in the prosecution of which he came to his death.

3. Because it is desirable that our Dominion should have at least one religious monthly similar to the *Christian Treasury* and *Family Treasury*, of Edinburgh, and the Sunday Monthlies of England, as a common meeting ground for christians of all evangelical denominations. We have plenty political papers, and are not destitute of excellent religious papers, in connection with the various Protestant denominations, but at present there seems almost a total blank as to that kind of periodical literature that concerns itself with the great truths on which the Church of Christ has always, and everywhere, been clearly and emphatically at one.

These are the chief reasons why I have consented to take in hand this work. In carrying it on I will try, as much as possible, to keep always in view (which was the central idea of the work under its late editor), the exaltation of our Lord Jesus Christ in all his offices, to commend his gospel as a religion that satisfies the intellect, the affections and the conscience of man, and to urge on all to be openly, actively and consistently his disciples. For as the body without the spirit is dead and hastens to decay, so society without Christ is dead also, and hastens, in spite of its civilization, to anarchy and ruin.

"The question," says Mr. Hughes, M.P., in a recent lecture, "which goes to the root of all problems of civilization, of all problems of human life is, 'What think ye of Christ?' The time is upon us when that question must be answered and can no longer be thrust aside while we go, one to his farm, and another to his merchandise. Upon the answer depends our future—whether we shall founder on under the weight of increasing riches till our vaunted civilisation has brought us to utter anarchy, and so to the loss of courage, truthfulness, simplicity, manliness, of everything that makes life endurable for men or nations, or whether we shall rise up in new strength, casting out the spirit of mammon in the name which broke in pieces the Roman Empire, subdued the wild tribes which flooded that empire in her decay, and founded a Christendom on the ruins."