

brethren similarly called upon in any section of America. We could name individual brethren who, in the past, have put into our hands equal to one dollar per month for two full yearly periods; and we could name one or two whose help has been nearly double this during one year; and again, when special contributions were called for after five years' labors, almost every Church in Canada West was ready to do more or less for the common object of imparting a new impulse to our exertions and labors through the Press.

It has long been our fixed purpose to give the names and surnames of those who have, through all struggles, steadily and nobly aided this publishing enterprise. But this is not our theme at present.

The current year, now soon to close, has been to us one of special pecuniary concernment. Months before the January of this year came, we clearly foresaw, according to all human probability, that the year 1852 would be a critical year with us. But no calculation could have previously revealed to us the heartlessness and absolute fraud of some earth born sons of Adam by whose unjust proceedings our pecuniary trials were made additionally oppressive. We may, perchance, ascribe to our own too confiding nature a part of the cause of the burden. Aside from current office outlays, it has been necessary, during eleven months, to liquidate obligations to the extent of fifteen hundred dollars, and nearly another hundred to that; and this pressure, together with our managing and writing for two journals, and our travels and discourses, have occupied our energies fully and been enough for us. In perseverance we give way to no man—in some kinds of energy, too, when called for, we have a passable share, provided we keep a correct tally.

But it was to speak a word in respect to our paper, our publishing field, and our success, that we took up our pen. And first, it will be instructive to glance at the various periodicals established to plead the cause of reformation north of Virginia.

The first paper, in the region we have in our eye, was, if we mistake not, commenced in Eastport, Me., in 1834 or somewhere about that date. It is reported to have been ably conducted. Hunter, afterwards more famous than righteous, was connected with it either as an editor or regular writer. Its life became hopeless not many months after its being was duly announced; but still, by a hopeful marriage, it succeeded in remaining among terrestrials for a period. We think it was christened (perhaps however it never was christened) the Investigator. In the year 1835 the *Primitive Christian* was established in Auburn, N. Y., edited by Silas Eaton Shepard—a man of noted perspicacity and shrewdness. The Eastport and Auburn papers became duly bound in the bonds of wedlock, and brother Shepard therefore published the *Primitive Christian and Investigator* in Auburn city. In August 1836 the united papers, as gathered from an editorial notice, did not pay publishers' bills. The language is, "Our remittances do not as yet, come up to our expences." At the close of vol. 2, it is announced in the paper that. "Through the exertions of some of its friends, it has gained so much strength that it bids pretty fair to live at least one year longer; those persons who have joyfully anticipated its death, and have prepared a festival for its funeral,