

PREFACE.

We have endeavoured to redeem the promises made in the prospectus of Volume V., of the *Canadian Independent*; and while conscious of imperfections and defects in the work of the year, we nevertheless feel bound to adore the helping hand of God, who has sustained us thus far, in our efforts to minister to the churches, and advance His glory through the agency of the Press; and who has graciously comforted us, with the knowledge of some good accomplished through this instrumentality.

Thanks are due to numerous friends and contributors in these Provinces, whose efforts and aim have been to improve and render effective, our denominational organ. The financial result of the year is encouraging, and must prove especially cheering to those who have for several years struggled to establish the *Independent*.

It is our privilege to exchange with numerous cotemporaries, their courtesy we highly appreciate and acknowledge. It would add to our sense of obligation, to be addressed at *Bowmanville, C. W.*, thereby avoiding delay, and preventing immense trouble to the Post Office authorities, whose kindness in continuing to re-mail numerous exchanges throughout a whole year, is worthy of all praise.

No lengthened remarks are necessary to convince our well-wishers, of the necessity of prompt and vigorous action to extend the number of subscribers for the coming year. An effort should be made at once. The business arrangements announced and promises made, in the programme for Volume VI., we feel assured will be faithfully kept by the gentlemen who form the Proprietary. For ourselves we seek to gird up our minds to renewed effort, by prayer and trust in God.

Bowmanville, June, 1859.