

PREFACE TO VOLUME XXI.

The Editorial management of the INDEPENDENT having been found to be too great a tax upon the time and thought of any Pastor, as witnessed by the frequent changes that have taken place in regard to it, the charge of it has devolved upon the newly appointed Superintendent of Missions, as one of the many duties of his composite office. As he did not enter fully upon his new position until the beginning of September, the first two numbers of this volume were issued under the charge of its former Editor, the Rev. S. N. Jackson, M. D., to whom he feels that he owes his warmest acknowledgment for so relieving him.

His frequent calls from home, during the week, as well as on the Sabbath, in connection with his other duties, have rendered it very difficult for him to do justice to the Magazine, and must be accepted as his apology for any shortcomings in regard to its management, as well as for all errors, typographical and otherwise, which have crept in through his having been compelled to leave the final "revise" to other hands.

He has to thank many brethren for their contributions to its columns, and for items of "News," which have added so much to the general interest of the Magazine, and hopes that for the year to come, their pens and those of others equally able, will be more frequently employed for the common good.

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