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The many and important interests involved in a continued and consistent advocacy of principles which we hold dear, the diffusion of intelligence, and the stimulation of the mind to works of faith and labours of love, are reasons for maintaining the *Canadian Independent*, and aiming to secure its future efficiency. In commencing the tenth volume we beg our readers to remember that the Proprietary are not engaged in an enterprise from which they expect to derive pecuniary advantage, their wish is to advance the welfare of the churches among whom these pages circulate. Need we assure our friends that the work is not done without much care and considerable attention, and this establishes a claim on the generous sympathy and aid of those who struggle for the same views of truth. Our wish is, that the *Canadian Independent* may take a stronger hold on the hearts, and share more deeply in the prayers of its supporters.

Bearing in mind the difficulties which have surrounded publications of a similar character in other denominations, together with the limited number of Congregationalists in this country, there are motives which ought to encourage the continued efforts of our friends to diffuse a healthy denominational literature. It is not asked that that which is in itself unworthy of support be maintained merely from a charitable or a sectarian spirit, but having a work given us, we look for some effort to justify the vote passed at the Union in Montreal, "That the thanks of the Union be presented to the Editor and Business Agent of the *Independent Magazine* for their valuable and efficient services." It is proposed to increase the amount of original matter considerably during this year; this, however, will demand the exercise of the "gifts" of the brethren much more than they have heretofore been inclined to do; we have confidence, nevertheless, in stating, that our pages will be enriched by the contributions of valued correspondents and co-adjutors.

Can our friends make no efforts to enlarge the subscription list? There are those who could afford to purchase two copies, and use the extra one to increase the circulation by lending it to neighbours; it may be felt also by some a question worth considering, how many copies of our Magazine could be sent to poor brethren—widows and others—and charged on the fellowship fund of the Church? Some may not be able to pay who would yet reap benefit from our monthly visit.

Believing that the general interests of our denomination in Canada, and the cause of Christ at large, are advanced by the vigorous and godly prosecution of this enterprise, we commit it to the approbation of Christ, and go forward to the work of another year.