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THE EDITOR'S VALEDICTORY.

DEAR FRIENDS:—For four full years we have been associated as Editor and Readers. To me those years were as happy as they were toilsome; and that is much to say! I began the work with zeal and love; and with love and zeal I have fulfilled it till now. I have loved my Readers as well as my work. For them I have been busy, night and day. But the labor lay lightly on me; for truly it was a labor of love. Like the mother's ceaseless toil, it was full of delight. I receive high eulogies from eminent men in Britain, America and Canada. I have found genuine kindness, intelligence and confidence in my Readers. Scarcely an exception has occurred: certainly none that I cannot heartily forgive. Never had we a larger number of subscribers. Our monthly issue has been Two thousand one hundred, all the year round. I have tried to make our MONTHLY RECORD a model of "the TRUE, the BEAUTIFUL, and the GOOD," both in spirit and in style. The result is before you. Of this I am sure, that it has sown precious seeds of Learning and Loyalty, Virtue and Piety, Good Order, Artistic Taste, and Studious Accuracy, in thousands of minds that will never forget them. The four volumes for 1884, 1885, 1886 and 1887, will remain a precious treasury to thousands, and will be valued still more when they are better understood in the light of the future. Some will object, "They were severe in some points." Yes; but so are the SCRIPTURES. Sharp re-

bukes oft flow from love, and cut to cure. Modern society is not to be saved by soft sawder and sprinkling rosewater! If the lessons are true, accept them, severe or mild. Truth is Victory. It is the best boon even for those whom it conquers. "Am I therefore your enemy because I tell you the truth?" Nay! more your friend. Make peace with the truth. It is your salvation!

I am now as happy to yield my Editorial Chair to our worthy New Editor, as I was to occupy it at first. I am thankful for such an excellent Successor. I most heartily bespeak for him your most devoted and unflinching assistance! Let each and all of you help, more than ever! Ah, if you but knew the crushing burdens of an Editor who has to attend to Copy and Proofs, to Agents and Subscribers, to Correspondents, Newspapers, Antagonists, and Finance, and to his wide Parish besides,—surely, you would never grudge him your most loyal aid!

With fervent gratitude to God for His good hand upon us, I heartily thank you all, (including our worthy Publishers, our valued Correspondents and Contributors, and our excellent Agent, Mr. W. G. Pender,) and wish you each and all a most Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and many happier returns, till we be made fit to meet forever in the Home of Perfection and Bliss!

ADDRESS BY THE NEW EDITOR.

TO THE READERS OF THE RECORD:

By a Resolution of our Synod, in June last, the management of the MONTHLY RECORD, editorially and financially, devolves on me for the year 1888. I covet not the honor. I assume the responsibility with fear and trembling. It is a matter of deep and almost universal regret that the Retiring Editor, in whose hands it was so ably conducted, and who made it a power in the land, could not see his way clear to continue as its Editor; but justice to himself and his congregation demanded that he be relieved of the labor and anxiety of its management, at least for a time. I undertake it as a matter of duty, with a deep consciousness of my inability, yet resolving to do my level best.

Experience has taught me how impossible it is to give the RECORD *color* without giving *offense* in some quarter: and what so insipid as a colorless Church organ?

Controversy and personalities shall be rigid-