

DEDICATION OF CHURCHES.—Soon after the "consecration" of a Church not many miles from this city, the Rector met a friend of ours, and after the usual unmeaning compliments of the age, the following dialogue took place:—

Rector. We had a glorious time at the consecration yesterday!

Friend. Ah! indeed! What did you do?

R. Why, sir, the collection amounted to *Forty Pounds!*

F. Was that all!!

R. Why, was not that a *large sum* for the occasion?

F. The first sermon that Peter preached, there were *three thousand souls converted.* But then, *he* preached for *souls* and *you* for *money!*

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By divine permission, and with the aid of our kind friends and patrons, we purpose issuing another volume. It is needless for us to say what we shall do, as we cannot tell what a day may bring forth.

The present volume is too small for the examination of any subject of great moment. Our readers have learned that we have no talent for writing short articles. It takes a Solomon to write maxims. There are several works on important subjects being circulated in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, that we purposed reviewing; but we were unwilling to write against the sentiments of any one without proffering him an equal space to defend himself. And this our little sheet would not permit without excluding all other matter. Many of our friends call for a larger sheet, and say they would just as willingly pay us a *whole* dollar as a *half* one. We have therefore concluded to double the number of pages. Our friends will see the necessity of making extra exertions to sustain the work; for there will be more than twice the expense with only double the income. Some of our personal friends last year subscribed for *eight* copies in order to give us a start, and a large proportion have paid for *two.* We could not solicit such liberality should we double the price. All our patrons then will, we hope, come up to the work promptly, and by the commencement of another year furnish all the means we need to issue another volume twice as large, and we hope conducted with more talent and energy, and consequently more useful.

We thank our friends for their patronage and kindness. They have uttered not one complaint. We have been too insignificant to attract the attention of the opposers of the ancient gospel! We have no complaints to utter; our circulation has been much greater than we expected, and our readers have borne with us patiently, and nearly all have promptly complied with our terms, so that we are encouraged to do all we can for their edification and salvation while they will give us a hearing.

Remember, then, the Volume for 1848, will contain 32 pages per month—type and page same size as the present; a good cover; table of contents, &c.—*Terms,* ONE DOLLAR, always in advance, or on the reception of the first number.

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