

## VALEDICTORY.

IMPORTANT TO OUR READERS: CHANGE OF  
ISSUE, CHANGE OF NAME.

This is the last issue of the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT in its present form, and under its present name. On the first Thursday of November it will appear as a 12-page weekly, under the name of "THE CONGREGATIONALIST," at one dollar a year, payable in advance. The publication office will be No. 5 Jordan Street, Toronto; the Publisher for the Congregational Publishing Co. being Mr. C. Blackett Robinson, and the Editor in charge being Rev. Chas. Duff. All remittances, and communications relating to the business of the paper, to be addressed to the Publisher; and all literary communications and news-items to be sent to the Editor, and at the above address.

Probably a majority of our readers, and of the members of our churches, have long wished to see our denominational paper as a weekly: a wish in which we have heartily joined: and now our periodical is coming out as a first-class paper, under the most favorable conditions for success and efficiency—a noble dollar's-worth!—and it is for all our readers and church-members to see that it is made to reach *every family* in the denomination. It can be done; and this is the time to do it! In order that it may be a literary success, we want a correspondent in every church—a "post-card" correspondent—who will write short and often! And measures will be taken to have regular correspondents in six or eight principal cities of the Dominion, to give not only the Congregational church-news, but a digest of everything pertaining to the public welfare, and the interests of Christ's kingdom in general.

Mr. Duff will be assisted by Rev. J. P. Gerrie, Sec. Congregational Union; Rev. Dr. Sims, of Bond Street church; Rev. T. B. Hyde, of the Northern church; Rev. J. A. C. McCuaig, of Concord Ave. church; Rev. W. W. Smith, late Editor, who will devote themselves to

charge of certain departments; as well as Christian Endeavor, Home and Sunday School departments.

Many thanks are due to the very considerable number of brethren who have recently taken stock in the company; and thus, by extinguishing a floating deficit, made this new arrangement possible. And now, there is no reason in the world why the paper in its new form, should not have within a year, at least 2,000 of a subscription-list. If our pastors and active church-members say so, it can be done!

\* \* \* In retiring from a seven-years' service as Editor, I desire in my proper person to return thanks to the many Christian friends who have by sending items of news, and in other ways contributed to the interest and value of the INDEPENDENT; and to the still larger number who have overlooked manifest Editorial deficiencies, in view of what they generously believe was in each case at least a good intention. It is given to no man to go back and revise his expended years; if we could, what wonderful "second editions" we would bring out! But the memory of these last seven years—the friends I have retained, and the friends I have made—the inspirations I have gained out of the work, and the sympathy and co-operation that have been extended—often unasked, and sweeter on that account—will always remain with me. And to all such, and to every reader I say, (reserving a little corner in the inheritance for myself), "The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee. Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion!"

WILLIAM WYE SMITH.

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