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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR.

To the Publisher of "*The Monthly Advocate*."

Dear Sir,—Failing health compels me to retire from the general editorial management of *The Monthly Advocate*. My association with you and the Junior Editor, in conducting, during its bygone course, a magazine "devoted to the interests of Christian truth and morality," will be one of the happiest reminiscences of my future life. And although my editorial connexion must now cease, I will still continue to take a lively interest in the journal, and seek, in every possible way to further its interests and its objects.

Yours, with much esteem,

J. R. LAWSON.

Barnesville, 1st August, 1881.

The above letter which we have held over for some time, hoping that Mr. Lawson might soon be able to resume his editorial charge, is self-explanatory, and shall doubtless be read by many with regret. In bidding adieu to our esteemed editor and friend—for a short time only we trust—we feel constrained to express mingled feelings of sorrow and joy, our relations having been as they still are, of the most congenial nature,—sorrow, because for the present we are deprived, through infirmity, of the valuable services rendered "without money and without price," of one whose heroic pen, devoted labors, and earnest prayers, have contributed so largely to place the *Advocate* among the best religious magazines of the day,—joy that we are encouraged to hope, that at no distant day, he shall again be able to assume his former position. Meantime our duty is to go forward, assured that nothing shall be wanting on the part of our junior editor—whose service is also a labor of love—and other contributors, to endeavor through Divine Grace, to sustain the former position of the *Advocate*.—PUBLISHER.

GOD can make you happy in the world, with the world, or without the world; but never expect that anything, or any one, can make you happy but the Lord. If you would be happy yourself, endeavor to honor Christ and make others happy; this is the direct road.

Holiness is not the way to Christ, but Christ is the way to holiness.—*Toplady*.