

## THE MAGAZINE.

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We cannot close our labours, for the year, without gratefully acknowledging our obligations to our friends for their continued indulgence and kindness. We, therefore, offer our sincere and cordial thanks to our readers,—to our contributors (too few),—and especially to those ministers and others who have, so obligingly, acted as honorary agents and promoted our circulation. To these last, we owe existence itself.

It is gratifying to be able to state that our circulation, for the past year, has been quite sufficient to meet expenses, on the supposition that nearly all the subscribers will pay. But we do not disguise, that the financial affairs of the Magazine are in an unsatisfactory condition; and having never had any object of a personal or party nature in view, we should certainly desist from our task, but for two considerations;—first it is strongly represented to us by a number of persons whose judgment we respect, that the continuance of the Magazine is essential to the welfare of the Church; and secondly, we are assured, by many better acquainted with Canada than ourselves, that the generality of the readers will be found, in the long run, to act honestly, and pay what they owe. We have resolved accordingly to persevere for another year, humbly depending on the blessing of God, and hoping for the efficient support of the well-wishers of the U. P. Church. It is impossible not to perceive, that it is every day becoming more and more important, that we should have some periodical, both as a bond of union among ourselves, and also as a medium of communication with the public. In proportion as the hopes of our being able to effect a union with any other denomination are becoming faint, the more indispensable is it that we should mature our various schemes of christian usefulness, bring all our institutions into the highest attainable state of efficiency, and maintain and fortify the position we conscientiously occupy. All this, we hope, may be aimed at consistently with that spirit of brotherly love we ought always to cultivate towards all who hold the Head, and love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and truth. To all such, as to ourselves, may grace, mercy and peace be multiplied!

As the termination of another year approaches let us not be so thoughtless as to forget that life itself is fast gliding away. Let us thank God for sparing mercy, and prolonged opportunities and privileges, notwithstanding such grievous misimprovement; and mourning over the past, irrecoverably gone, and imploring forgiveness through the merits of the Saviour, let us dedicate ourselves afresh to the service of our God and Redeemer. May he bless us, and make us blessings, and, after the duties and conflicts of this sublunary state are over, receive us to glory and honour and immortality.