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The necessity of continued and earnest support to the *Canadian Independent* cannot be too much felt by its friends. We enter on another year cherishing a desire to make our pages a vehicle for the diffusion of evangelical sentiment, and of such truths as are most surely believed among Congregational churches. A calm and candid exposition of our principles is calculated to advance correct views of the constitution and administration of the Kingdom of Christ. Gospel truth also, enforced and illustrated in the spirit of love, will yield the glorious issue of the salvation of souls. Such ends we keep in view, and ask the continued coöperation of those who have steadily aided us in the past. Our periodical cannot go from strength to strength without the prayers and assistance of God's people, and the blessing of God Himself. Our work in connection with the Magazine is one of much anxiety and no little toil, and consequently we feel justified in expecting some effort on the part of Brethren to help forward a common good.

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