

AFTER TWENTY YEARS.

It is with very profound feelings that we write the last words of this fortieth volume of *THE METHODIST MAGAZINE*. Gratitude to God is predominant for prolonged life and strength after twenty years of exacting and arduous editorial work,—for much of that time supervising nine distinct periodicals. With this is blended gratitude to our indulgent and sympathetic readers for many words of cheer and encouragement; to the able contributors to this *MAGAZINE*; and especially to the ministers of the Methodist Church, whose kind co-operation has so greatly conduced to its success.

We stand, we believe, on the threshold of a new epoch, of larger opportunities and of greater usefulness. Compared with the humble beginnings of this *MAGAZINE* a score of years ago, the literary and artistic excellence which it has reached marks a very conspicuous advance in the publishing capabilities of our connexional Book-room and in the efficient aid given by Canadian writers.

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 IN HIM IS LIFE.

From out the silence and the shadows dim,
 From out the weary discord and the strife,
 One great truth bringeth life and peace :—in Him
 Is Life—and He, in us, is Life.

What more, what better, hath the earth to give?
 And Heaven itself—what can it offer more?
 All things are theirs in whom the Christ doth live—
 Content of Love—fulness of grace and power.

Who freely of the life in Him partake
 Choose gladly ways in which His worn feet trod,
 Toil in unfailling gladness for His sake—
 Sad Soul, He waits thee in this Book of God.

—*Mary Lowe Dickinson.*