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A decade of years has passed since the *Canadian Independent* first saw the light. During that time it has struggled to maintain the principles held among Congregationalists, and more especially to meet the wants of our body in Canada, as a medium of intercourse among the brethren in the communication of news and the elucidation of great truths. The stirring events of these years, full of interest to the Church at large, have been duly recorded; while a hopeful and cheering aspect has been presented of the work that lies before the people of God in diffusing the Gospel at home and abroad. Of its own future we can say nothing, save to express the wish that it may long diffuse a healthy, manly and spiritual influence among its readers.

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