

wish to sell out, common business courtesy would have dictated that the offer should come from the proprietors of the new enterprise ; but such was our anxiety to remove every possible ground of complaint that we waived our right in the matter, and made an offer to this effect, that if the Book Room would print the last three numbers for 1874, and foot the bills for the sample number we had issued, we would transfer the whole subscription list and good will of EARNEST CHRISTIANITY to the new Magazine. We understand that this offer was rejected by the executive of the Book Committee. We have been informed, furthermore, that the Book Room authorities would consent to print the three last numbers for '74, but nothing more. This was simply out of the question, and so we concluded to hold on "the even tenor of our way."

In continuing the publication of EARNEST CHRISTIANITY we wish it to be most distinctly understood that we do so in no unfriendly spirit to the new Magazine to which we wish all possible success ; but we do it in view of the following considerations :—1. Because we believed that in establishing this Magazine we were serving God and the Church ; 2. Because during the past two years God has greatly blessed our humble efforts, as letters received from our readers abundantly testify ; 3. Because large numbers among both the ministry and laity, strongly urge us to continue ; 4. Because we believe that EARNEST CHRISTIANITY has a sphere and a mission of its own, and that its discontinuance would be a loss to Church instead of a gain ; 5. Because the people still endorse us in the matter. The number of subscribers received during December, 1874, is nearly three times as great as during the corresponding month of 1873 ; 6. Because we believe that in publishing this Magazine we are doing a good work, and that "he that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

We have but one thing more to add, namely, that in this whole affair we have honestly endeavored to do unto others as we would they should do unto us. We hope that all others concerned may, with a clear conscience, be able to say the same.

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