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PREFACE.



IN closing our Magazine record of 1876, we feel desirous more than ever to ascribe praise to Him by whose power alone any effort made by any of us can be efficient for the purposes of the kingdom of righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost, and we would more than ever implore His continued help every moment for every one connected with the work.

We are struck with the number of names we find, in looking through the pages of the past, which now only recall a memory of brethren and sisters with us no longer. Yes, "we all do fade as a leaf," and how many of the living to-day will be gone ere the Preface of the Volume for 1877 has to be written our Father only knows; but, blessed be His name, He abides with us according to His promise, even unto the end; and oh! may this glorious fact always be even more manifest upon our pages than we think it has been hitherto.

We do not long to have a more learned body of contributors to our Magazine. "Not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty," are likely even to read our pages so long as they continue exclusively to treat of the salvation of sinners and the sanctification and glorification of the Lord's people. But we are thankful to have an increase of the sort of material we want, accounts of great spiritual events, expressed in plain, every-day English, pouring in upon us from the stations, and trust that the continued progress of the work will render our editorial task more and more puzzling by the multiplication of such facts every month until it shall be imperatively necessary for us to enlarge our publication. Let us strive to live more and more with and for God, enjoying more and more His Spirit's power in all our service, and we shall not merely see our Magazine become more and more intensely heavenly, but its circulation, and that of the glad tidings it conveys, will increase daily.

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