

P R E F A C E .

By the good hand of our gracious GOD we have been led and upheld well-nigh through another year of our EDITORIAL charge of this venerable MAGAZINE. And the glorious Gospel of the Grace of our blessed GOD still bids poor and needy sinners hasten to the LAMB of GOD, Who meritoriously died the JUST ONE for the unjust, that they might be saved !

We have seen the power of the SPIRIT mighty in operation during the fast closing year, among both the living and those who have closed their pilgrimage on earth, and now rest in the LORD. For them all we give devout and humble thanks. The time is growing very short, and the coming of the MASTER is approaching. Blessed are they whom Divine grace has made "ready." The ear of faith is ever on the watch to catch the earliest intimation of His drawing nigh.

At the late "Clifton Conference"—in October last—some sweet tidings were had under review by the assembled saints, and there was a deep, holy, longing of soul felt towards their long-absent LORD and SAVIOUR. This quickening of heart inspires a hope that yet "a little while," and indeed He that shall come will come, and will no longer tarry ! Earth's outlook is growing very dreary and portentous. The Churches and other religious systems around us have largely forsaken the truth and cast off allegiance to the "old way"—it is, alas ! too narrow and eclectic ! The modern "religious" world has renounced the ancient ways of the pure Truth, and SATAN'S delusions have usurped its sacred authority. But the foundation of GOD standeth sure. "The

Election of Grace ” are assuredly safe in CHRIST. GOD Himself “ is in the midst of her ; she shall not be moved : GOD shall help her, and that right early ; ” or, as the Bible *margin* sweetly expresses it,—“ *when the morning appeareth !* ”

Till He come, then, let all gracious believers in the ASCENDED, COMING ONE—patiently wait for HIM—until they see Him as He is. Beloved READERS, may all grace abound to you !

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