

## P R E F A C E .

IT is with solemn feelings that the newly-appointed EDITOR of this MAGAZINE takes up his pen to write the preface of the one hundred and fifty-first volume of this, the oldest Evangelical monthly periodical. The late honoured and much-beloved EDITOR, the REV. JAMES ORMISTON, had conducted the work of the MAGAZINE for over twenty-one years (1895-1916). Almost to the moment of his Home-call on Sept. 30th he was engaged in this much-loved work, and it is saddening to us who are left to think that the hand which was so often used in bearing written testimony to the great doctrines of God's rich and abounding grace now lies inactive in the grave. We bow, however, in meek resignation to the sovereign will of his and our Covenant God, and we rejoice that he is now "WITH CHRIST," which is very far better than any blessedness down here.

In accepting the invitation of our Co-Trustees to undertake the vacant Editorship, we feel our own helplessness and insufficiency, but we know that God is able to make all grace abound towards us. Relying upon His enabling grace, and trusting in Him

for all needed strength and wisdom, we undertake the work. We trust that the valued brethren and sisters who have lovingly assisted in the work in past years will continue their kind contributions. It is our earnest desire that nothing but the pure truth of God's Word should ever be found written on the pages of THE GOSPEL MAGAZINE. We have solemnly subscribed to the Declaration of Faith drawn up by the late EDITOR, and we earnestly ask for the prayers of our readers that we and our fellow-contributors may ever be true to those precious doctrines of Divine grace for the promulgation of which the MAGAZINE was originally issued.

THE EDITOR.

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