

P R E F A C E .

AMID the fall of empires, the tottering of thrones, and world-wide rejoicings at the termination of the Great European War, we sit down to write our brief preface to the one hundred and fifty-third volume of the GOSPEL MAGAZINE. Our hearts are filled with deep gratitude to GOD that He has at last made this War to cease. "This is the LORD'S doing; and it is marvellous in our eyes." He it is Who hath gotten for the Allies the victory, and He it is Who is visiting with awful judgment those who precipitated this dreadful and unparalleled conflict. In effect He is saying, "Be still, and know that I am GOD: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

The War has affected our MAGAZINE. The rise in the price of paper and the increased cost of printing made it absolutely necessary for the Trustees to appeal for increased support and for regular annual contributions to the GOSPEL MAGAZINE Fund. The Trustees rejoice that a large number of our readers, rich and poor, have nobly responded to their appeal, and on their behalf we warmly thank them. The need for the special testimony of the MAGAZINE is as great as ever. The truths of the Father's electing love, the Son's special and redeeming work on behalf of His Church, and of the Spirit's sanctifying and

regenerating power are not popular. In fact, the whole range of Bible truth will be increasingly rejected as the spiritual darkness, which will set in upon apostate Christendom, gets deeper. We need increasing grace, therefore, for faithful, uncompromising, and becoming testimony, and for a holy walk in harmony therewith.

We have been greatly cheered by the letters from our readers testifying to the help they derive from the MAGAZINE, and our warm thanks are due and are hereby sincerely given to all our fellow-contributors to the pages of our time-honoured publication. To all our readers, at home and abroad, we send warm Christian greetings, and we pray that our Covenant-keeping GOD may richly comfort and bless them in the New Year which is about to dawn.

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