

PREFACE.

THIS is the one hundred and fifty-fifth volume of THE GOSPEL MAGAZINE. What a mercy that our gracious and Covenant GOD has preserved it for the benefit of His people all these years! With feelings of gratitude and praise we write the preface. We thank GOD for His enabling grace granted to ourselves and to all our fellow-labourers during the past year. To Him be the sole glory for anything helpful and Scriptural which we have been permitted to contribute to its pages. We warmly thank our co-workers for the loving service they have freely rendered month by month. We thank GOD for the many warm testimonies we have regularly received, from a large number of our readers, to the help which they have received from our pages. The Trustees of the MAGAZINE are also full of gratitude to GOD and to our readers for the donations large and small which have been sent in for THE GOSPEL MAGAZINE Fund. Since September last another heavy advance in the cost of printing the MAGAZINE, due to additional increases in the cost of paper and labour, make it

absolutely necessary that donations to this Fund should continue to be regularly sent in. We believe, however, that the LORD will not forsake us, after all these years of lovingkindness and favour. His eyes are upon the truth, and He is "able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think".

We thank GOD, too, for the zeal and heartiness with which our publisher carries through the work which is assigned to him. Publishers, Editors and writers have no holiday from their work. What a mercy if the LORD regularly bestows upon them health and strength! Let us praise Him, dear readers, for His many and great mercies. Let us also give ourselves to regular prayer for all who labour in connection with this witness to His precious truth. "Brethren, pray for us, that the Word of the LORD may have free course and be glorified." Pray that all the needs may be abundantly supplied. Let us pray for one another. We are a remnant scattered all over the world. Some are invalids, some are shut off from a ministry that preaches the pure gospel of a salvation planned before the foundation of the world by the TRIUNE JEHOVAH, purchased by the blood and righteousness of our Divine LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, and communicated to "all the elect people of GOD" through the sovereign work of GOD the

HOLY GHOST. The MAGAZINE is a means of helping such, and a means of spiritual help to large numbers of GOD'S scattered people in these days of deepening apostasy. To all our readers we send warm Christian greetings.

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