

PREFACE.

GRATITUDE to GOD is prominent in our mind as we sit down to write the preface to the one hundred and fifty-sixth volume of THE GOSPEL MAGAZINE. We thank Him for His great mercy in enabling us to conduct the work during the past year. We praise Him for His mercy to those who have kindly assisted us. As representing the Trustees we thank Him for the generous response which our many readers have given to our appeal for financial support. We still trust Him for the future, and we would remind our readers that their kind, regular, and liberal financial help is still needed.

The need for faithful testimony to the old truths was never greater. The Bible is no longer regarded as the inspired Word of God. Men occupying high positions in our colleges and in our pulpits daringly speak of large parts of Scripture as mere myths, legends, and fables. The old truths of the Fall, Redemption, Regeneration, Election, and Eternal Punishment are rarely heard or taught. The inspiration of the New Testament is equally denied with that of the Old. Evangelical Societies are more or

less leavened with Higher Critical fallacies. Large numbers of men who still retain the name Evangelical have openly abandoned the old paths.

There is therefore a loud call for all who value distinctive Evangelical and Protestant truth to rally together for the cause of GOD and His truth. In support of that cause we desire in the Lord's name to continue our testimony, and we ask the prayers of our readers for the Trustees, for ourselves, for our fellow-contributors, and for our publisher in regard to the great work in which we are engaged. "The LORD is faithful" and He alone can keep us faithful.

We recall with sorrow the removal from our midst during the year of Mr. George Alexander, of Birkenhead. For a long period he had contributed to our pages.

In conclusion, we send our warm Christian greetings to all our readers, both at home and abroad.

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