

PREFACE.

ANOTHER year is drawing to a close, and with heartfelt gratitude to GOD for many fresh tokens of His mercy and favour we pen the Preface to the one hundred and sixty-first volume of this time-honoured Magazine.

It is a great privilege to be associated with a Magazine which was established so long ago as the year 1766, and it is an immense cause of praise to the GOD of all grace that He has allowed this monthly witness to the old evangelical and protestant truths to continue during all these years. Toplady, the author of "Rock of Ages," was for a time its Editor, and such men as the late Dr. Doudney, George Cowell, and the Rev. James Ormiston faithfully and graciously followed in his footsteps, in bearing testimony to the electing love of GOD the FATHER, the redeeming love of GOD the SON, and the sanctifying love of GOD the HOLY GHOST.

The Magazine still stands for these great and precious truths. Its Editor is under a willing pledge to allow nothing in its pages of an Arminian, Modernistic, or sacerdotal character, and it is his prayerful endeavour to be faithful to the trust committed to him.

The Editor and his co-trustees thank GOD for the many encouragements He is giving them in the work.

The year 1925 saw a considerable increase in the circulation of the Magazine. Testimonies to the spiritual help afforded by its pages are continually being received. Recently a letter was received from a novel reader, a gambler and a drinker, who bought a copy of the Magazine out of curiosity and after reading it was convinced of his condition as a sinner, cried to GOD for mercy, and says he can now rejoice in the forgiveness of his sins. He adds, "I shall always prize THE GOSPEL MAGAZINE and look upon it as the means of my conversion." In answer to our inquiry we found that it was some words in Mr. Ormiston's sermon in the October issue which the LORD used to him.

We warmly thank our many readers, rich and poor, for their regular and generous contributions to THE GOSPEL MAGAZINE. We hope they will continue this help and thus enable us to carry on our important work.

We also tender our warm thanks to our kind helpers who regularly contribute articles to the pages of the Magazine which are so much appreciated by our readers. Not that any one of us should indulge in any thoughts of self-congratulation. It is no credit to us if our testimony to Divine truth proves a help and a blessing to our readers. We have nothing that we did not receive. The testimonies from letters received are given in order that our readers may see

how the LORD is honouring His Own truth. To Him must be given unreservedly all the glory.

Our new publisher (Mr. B. S. Taylor, of 74, Strand, London, W.C.2) will be glad to receive the names of fresh subscribers. Six shillings a year will bring the Magazine, post free, to any house or to any friend, at home or abroad.

We bespeak the constant prayers of all our readers for GOD's abundant blessing on this testimony to His truth.

To all our readers, whether at home or in far-off lands, we send warm Christian greetings.

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