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PROTESTANT BEACON

"COMFORT YE, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE, SAITH YOUR GOD."
"ENDEAVOURING TO KEEP THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT IN THE BOND OF PEACE."
"JESUS CHRIST, THE SAME YESTERDAY, AND TO-DAY, AND FOR EVER."

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PREFACE.

THE year 1928 is drawing to a close and it becomes our privilege to write a preface to the *one hundred and sixty-third* volume of this Magazine.

The outstanding event of the year is the rejection for the *second* time of the revised Prayer Book. By a majority of 46 the House of Commons again rejected the measure.

June 14th was the date upon which this memorable event took place. That day, together with Dec. 15th, 1927, are dates which all who value Evangelical and Protestant truth ought ever to keep in memory. On those two dates the LORD in a remarkable way displayed His power and defeated the forces of Sacerdotalism in answer to the heartfelt prayers of His people. Godly nonconformists as well as godly members of the Church of England cried mightily unto the LORD ; and He heard their cries and saved the nation from an act of legalized apostasy. To Him be the glory.

Sacerdotal and modernistic error are, however, still widely prevalent in the professing Church, and Arminianism has got such a firm footing that those parts of

the Bible which tell of GOD's electing love are ignored even by members of the LORD's family.

The need, therefore, for a gracious testimony to the whole counsel of GOD is still great.

Magazines of this kind are necessarily not popular. It is only those who value the doctrines of grace who will welcome such a periodical as this. We hope, therefore that our readers at home and abroad will use their influence to increase the number of our subscribers, and that they will regularly pray for God's abundant blessing on this effort to propagate His truth.

We and our kind fellow-contributors are continually being encouraged by the testimonies we receive from our readers to the help and comfort which the Magazine is the means of conveying. In so far as this is true we desire to realize increasingly that it is all the LORD's doing, and to Him we would ascribe the glory.

On behalf of the Trustees we warmly thank our kind helpers for their regular contributions to our pages.

We would also warmly thank the many readers, rich and poor, who so regularly contribute to our GOSPEL MAGAZINE Fund. Such help is absolutely necessary if the work is to be continued.

In conclusion we would send warm and affectionate greetings to all our readers far and near, and we would earnestly bespeak their prayers that the God of all grace may abundantly smile upon this effort to set forth His truth.

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