

THE
GOSPEL MAGAZINE

AND

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 issue of the December number of the GOSPEL MAGAZINE for the year 1930 concludes the *One Hundred and Sixty-fifth* volume of this the oldest religious Magazine. Numbered amongst its Editors have been such men as the Rev. A. M. Toplady, Mr. William Mason, Mr. Walter Row, the Rev. Dr. Doudney, Mr. George Cowell, and the Rev. James Ormiston. Published first in the year 1766, the Magazine is still in being and we cannot but thank God for its continuance all these many years. Many other magazines, and even leading newspapers, have ceased to exist, but, by the grace of God, the GOSPEL MAGAZINE still holds on its way. We hope that all our readers at home and abroad will use all their influence to keep this Magazine in being.

Let us all unite in specially thanking God for His favour in the past, and pray that He may still graciously smile on this monthly effort to propagate the Gospel of His sovereign grace by means of this publication.

More and more the great and distinguishing truths for which it stands are being rejected. Sacerdotalism

and Modernism are becoming increasingly rampant, and even amongst those who still claim to be Evangelical the testimony for the most part is permeated with the unscriptural doctrines of Arminianism. The need for our Magazine is therefore greater than ever. It is necessarily not popular with the crowd. The help and sympathy and prayers of all our readers are therefore earnestly asked for.

Let us be enthusiastic in seeking to increase its circulation. Let those to whom it is lent become themselves subscribers. Let all regularly pray for the Divine blessing on this work, and let all who are able still contribute to the GOSPEL MAGAZINE FUND for its support.

Old readers are being called Home, and we need others to take their place.

The Trustees are very grateful for donations so regularly sent by a large number for this work.

Our gratitude also goes out to the regular contributors to our pages. We have already noted with thankfulness to God that Miss R. Cowell has been permitted in God's gracious providence to write for the Magazine for the long space of fifty years.

We greatly regret that during the past year our dear friend, Mr. Calvin Hart, one of our Trustees,

has been taken from us. Our Covenant God, however, still abides, and in His name we still go forward.

Our warm Christian greetings to all our readers at home and abroad.

THE EDITOR,
(Thomas Houghton).

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