

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 reduced space at our disposal this year compels brevity in the Preface to this volume, which completes *the one hundred and seventy-fifth year* of the existence of the GOSPEL MAGAZINE. By the great mercy of God we have been enabled to issue the magazine monthly throughout the year.

Though the works of our esteemed printers were destroyed by enemy action, and two of their employees killed, Messrs. John Wright & Sons Ltd. bravely arranged to continue their work, and have now started afresh in premises of their own.

The war still goes on, and no one knows when it will terminate. God is evidently making use of wicked and unscrupulous men to punish all the nations of the earth for their sins. Judgment, however, is bound to come on the perpetrators of the awful cruelties and wickednesses from which the nations of Europe are suffering. "THOUGH HAND JOIN IN HAND, THE WICKED SHALL NOT BE UNPUNISHED." Meanwhile, let us give heed to the injunction, "Say not thou, I will recompense evil; but wait on the Lord, and He shall save thee" (Prov. xi. 21; xx. 22).

Let us all give ourselves continually to prayer that God may display His power on our behalf. "And shall not God avenge His Own elect, which cry day and night unto Him? . . . I tell you that He will avenge them speedily" (Luke xviii. 7, 8).

In conclusion, our Trustees unite in warm thanks to all our dear friends who lovingly write for the magazine, and to all our readers, rich and poor, who regularly contribute to its support. Let us pray regularly for one another and for the prosperity of our time-honoured magazine.

To all our readers, at home and abroad, we send our warm Christian greetings. Let us be of good cheer. "The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge" (Ps. xlvi. 11).

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