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PROSPECTUS—1878.

Just now many papers are laying before their readers plans and promises for the new year, so soon to be entered upon. The INTELLIGENCER having done this in some previous years, its readers may be looking for something new. We are disposed to gratify the desire, making our statement as brief as possible.

The INTELLIGENCER having now lived

A QUARTER OF A CENTURY

it is a fitting time to say a few words of the past. The first number of the INTELLIGENCER bore date January 1st, 1853, but was issued one month in advance of its date. It is therefore forty-five years this week since the INTELLIGENCER'S birth.

In the first paper the editor and originator (the late Rev. E. McLeod) said:

"This paper is an experiment. We shall publish twelve numbers whether we get sufficient subscribers to maintain it or not. Its size and price are both small. We wish to circulate it throughout this Province and Nova Scotia, and elsewhere, if we can do so to good effect."

The result of that experiment is known. The paper which was announced to be issued monthly was so well received that it became at once a semi-monthly. After the issue of twelve numbers a new volume was begun, the size of the paper being doubled. It continued to be issued every fortnight till the close of the year, when, one year from the date of its origin, it became a weekly.

Reviewing the first year of the paper's existence, the editor said:

"We look back with astonishment. Twelve months ago we issued the first number. It was 'issued almost in secret—no subscribers, no patronage that we could rely on, and but two or three friends to give the project their countenance.'"

"To all human appearance there was no chance of success. An estimate of over six months seemed exceedingly improbable. But we went on, for we believed it to be good."

"To do so, it was favorably received. It has commenced a work, the fruit of which we are 'already beginning to see; and which will be 'carried on we trust to the saving of precious souls.'"

"We regard as owing entirely to the approval of the friends of the paper, the fact that it has been able to continue its course, and that all labor is in vain without His blessing."

"And that He alone can prosper the labor of our hands. May it be continued."

From that time (Jan. 1st, 1854), the INTELLIGENCER has been a weekly. It has been increased once and again, till it is now as large as the largest religious journal published in the Maritime Provinces, and is furnished to subscribers at as low a price as any of them.

Until March, 1867, the founder remained its editor, and then entered upon higher service, having literally won himself out in manifold labors. What he made the INTELLIGENCER, the influence it exerted, the good it did, need not be here recorded. His life was given to making it a power in the service of God, his last prayer was for God's blessing on it, and it remains—his monument.

Of what it has been and done since, it is not for us to write. This, however, we may be permitted to say: The aim of the editor has been to have it go forward in the line upon which it was started, and to have it accomplish the worthy ends laid in view in its origin. The success is for others to measure.

We do not here speak of the difficulties encountered, though they have been many and not easily overcome. We are anxious, though, to express our sense of indebtedness to the many who have assisted themselves friends indeed to the INTELLIGENCER, and have never failed to give it the help of their kind words and active influence. They have now, and will always have, our hearty thanks.

THE FUTURE.

But what of 1878? Instead of making many and large promises we prefer to let the past speak for the future. What the INTELLIGENCER has been we purpose, by the grace of God, to have it continue to be.

It will be a Christian paper as good as it is in our power to make.

Being the recognized organ of the Free Baptists of the Maritime Province, it will endeavor to creditably represent them, will advocate and defend their interests, and labor to build up their cause—the cause of Christ.

But while being the organ of a denomination of Christians, its sympathies will be broad enough to rejoice in the prosperity of every branch of the Christian Church and to bid them God-speed; and will continue to be such a paper as may be welcomed into any Christian home.

Its columns will contain news of Christian work everywhere, as full and accurate as can be gathered.

The serious and general religious reading it publishes will be carefully selected; and its youths and other departments will be prepared with a view to conferring the greatest benefit on the readers.

Its news department will contain a carefully made up synopsis of news from all parts of the world. The large summary of current events at home and abroad furnished each week makes the INTELLIGENCER especially suited to those families that can take but one paper.

On questions agitating the public mind, the INTELLIGENCER will always be ready to speak out. As we have stated in a previous prospectus, it will be the friend and helper of everything good, and the determined, uncompromising foe of every bad thing. It is not necessary to say how the corruptions and assumptions of the Papacy, or the various prevalent forms of infidelity, or that "gigantic crime of crimes," the liquor traffic, will be dealt with. The record of the past is the promise for the future.

Let the foregoing suffice for a prospectus. In the language of the first number, already quoted: "One object is to do good." Gratefully acknowledging the favor which God has been pleased to bestow upon the INTELLIGENCER thus far, and seeking His continued favor, we look forward with hope to the work of another year.

RENEWALS.

This is the month in which all papers expect the large majority of renewals for the next year. We know that many of our subscribers will be prompt. They are a very helpful class of people. It would greatly lessen the work, and afford relief from much worry and anxiety if all renewals were sent a little before instead of after the expiration of the term paid for. This is the testimony of all newspapers. Some of our subscribers do this; perhaps others will find it convenient to do so.

We are anxious to begin the new year without a charge of a dollar against a subscriber, and with a good up for 1878. We think it would be a fitting celebration of the completion of the INTELLIGENCER'S quarter century. Cannot our subscribers enable us to celebrate thus? We think they can. All that is necessary is for those who are in arrears to pay up (they have received statements of their accounts) also to forward at the same time, or as soon after as possible, the subscription for the next year. Please give this notice your attention immediately. It will make you feel better and happier, and give the INTELLIGENCER a much needed help.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

The offer to send the INTELLIGENCER to new subscribers from the date of receiving the subscription (\$2.00) till January 1st, 1878, stands. Cannot the friends of the paper induce their friends to subscribe on these terms. We believe there are many who only need to have the matter brought to their attention and they will become subscribers. Please send this paper to your neighbor and ask him to subscribe. The price is as low as the lowest religious paper published in these provinces, and much lower than most United States papers.

We have no paid agents in the field. The INTELLIGENCER has to depend for increase of circulation, &c., entirely upon the voluntary efforts of its friends. They have done it much good service, for which we will always be deeply grateful. To them now we look to speak a good word for the INTELLIGENCER. The ministers especially have abundant opportunity to help it. We shall be greatly obliged if they will speak to their people about it now. They may profitably urge upon present subscribers the importance of continuing to take it, and of prompt payments of old and advance subscriptions; and they may also solicit new subscribers.

The INTELLIGENCER is a helper of the ministry, and a helper of all Christian workers. They, in return, may give it valuable help. Brethren, one and all, let us have your hearty co-operation now. Let us be real helpers of each other. We will all be the better of it, and the cause of God will be advanced.

"AMONG THE TURKS."

We have before us Rev. Dr. Hamlin's book, just published, bearing the above title. It is an interesting book. Many parts of it read very like a romance. Yet its incidents are pure facts which came under the author's immediate notice, or were otherwise within his certain knowledge. The views expressed concerning Turkey's condition, its progress and prospects, are the mature opinion of a man who spent thirty-five years in the country of which he writes, and who had ample opportunities of forming tolerably correct opinions of its people, religion, institutions and Government. His views are, therefore, entitled to consideration, and they are so well and tersely put that they command consideration. Just now that the Eastern question is filling so large a place in the thoughts of the world, everything that may throw light on the character and the interior life of Turkey is eagerly sought after. Dr. Hamlin's book is timely because it gives more than a little light. Everything it contains may not be readily accepted, for strong prejudices against Turkey have been long universal, and men do not easily relinquish their long held prejudice even in the face of evidence and argument that stamps it unfounded and unjust. We think, however, that every reader of the book will feel bound to consider its contents. Emphatically if he had not read it. Even if it should appear that the author has done more than justice to the subject of his book, all will agree that it is a better book than that which has been written about Turkey by most of the writers of the past.

The book may have its origin, character, growth and extent of the Turkish Empire. And the social life, educational institutions, law, religion, evangelistic efforts, reforms, military character, and various other topics are referred to or illustrated incidentally. Referring to the difficulties of Government, Dr. Hamlin says:

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