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THE MARITIME PRESBYTERIAN enters upon its second volume with good prospects.

Accounts for the past year have been made up and it may be well to submit a report of the years work :

Copies published during 9 months,	34780.	
Cost of Paper,	\$206 14	
“ “ Printing,	323 05	
Postage on MAR. PRES.	20 64	
Other Expenses,	22 17	
		\$572 00
Cash Received,	\$401 37	
Yet due, about	20 00	
		421 37
Adverse Balance,	\$150 43	

When we take into account the large issues for the first month or two, for which there were few subscribers, and the large number printed and distributed over and above the subscription list during the whole year, to get it into circulation, the result is almost better than could have been anticipated.

Had the issue after the first month been limited to the number of subscribers, with a few for distribution, it would have been now out of debt. But when I saw that it was going to succeed and that extra expenditure would not be lost, I thought it the wisest plan to circulate it more freely.

By printing a large number a twofold good has resulted, the papers have done good where read, and the circulation is larger than it would otherwise have been.

The subscription list is now such that it will pay for itself during the current year and part, if not all, of last years indebtedness.

That it may not only be free of debt, but have a balance on the right side for

Foreign Missions or some such work at the end of the year, it is earnestly asked that each reader will make a little effort to increase the circulation. Let every reader be an agent and introduce it to a neighbor who may not be taking it, or if possible get up a club.

In doing so you are not working for the Editor, for he has no interest in it except doing the work and paying the bills, you are working for the Master.

Its object is to give religious news, both home and foreign, and good reading matter, in so cheap a form as to be within reach of all.

Let it not interfere with other periodicals. It differs from all. It can take the place of no other, but will try to fill its own place. It is so cheap that it will not require much elbow-room in the purse, but will fill in a measure a want in many a home.

In sending it forth again I can only repeat the words of the first issue : It is wholly devoted in all its interests, financial, moral and spiritual to the Master's work. May He accept and bless it.

CHRISTIAN GIVING.

ARTICLE NO. V.

“ It is more blessed to give than to receive.” It is remarkable that those words of our Lord, containing as they do an important principle, were not recorded by one of the evangelists and that they should be recovered, as it were, from the mass of his unreported sayings by an incidental sentence in the teaching of Paul.

THE DISPOSITION TO GIVE IS MORE BLESSED.

There is more real happiness ex-