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The MARITIME PRESBYTERIAN had the satisfaction, a few days since, of handing to Rev. Dr. McGregor, one hundred dollars for the Foreign Mission Fund, \$50 from receipts for 1883, and \$50 from receipts for 1884.

Its readers will be gratified to know that it has been successful in paying off the losses sustained during its earlier days in getting into circulation, and has paid, including fifty dollars sent some months since, one hundred and fifty dollars into the F. M. Fund.

In round numbers the loss on the year 1881, was about \$150.

The gain on 1882 was about \$100 leaving still an adverse balance of some \$50.

The gain on the year 1883 was about \$150, which after paying the remaining indebtedness, left a balance for missions of \$100 which has been forwarded.

The amounts due for 1884 we are sorry to say are not quite all in, but \$50 has been paid for missions, with more to follow.

If any man have not the Spirit of Christ he is none of His. So if any man have the Spirit of Christ he is one of His. It is a matter for thankfulness that the Spirit of Christ in His pity for the lost, His self-denial for the sake of saving them is being manifested more and more in our Church, in the deepening interest in missions, and larger gifts to carry the gospel to the perishing.

One need of the people throughout our Church is more knowledge of the work of the Church. As a rule, if the work and wants of any branch of Christian work

are fairly and fully set forth, a Christian people will fairly and honestly take hold of the work and supply as they can the want.

The way to have a wider knowledge of the work is to have a larger circulation of reading matter devoted to that work.

First, every family throughout the Church should have the *Record*. It is so cheap that all can afford it. It is published by the Church, belongs to the Church, and should be read throughout the bounds of the Church.

Next come religious papers that are private property, but seeking to do good.

Among these, small and imperfect though it be, we do not hesitate to say that the same amount of good family reading and missionary intelligence cannot be had in any other form, for the same price, as in the MARITIME PRESBYTERIAN.

The cost of both the above is but fifty cents a year, a sum that the poorest family in our church can afford, not far from the price of a pound of tea or tobacco.

Then if families are able to afford a weekly religious paper, (most families take their local secular paper and in it often find news of church work) there is the *Presbyterian Witness*, where the reader will find more than in any other paper—the current working and history of our church, and which has been reduced in price from \$2.00 to \$1.50 per annum. All of the above named would amount to \$2.00 a year, and would bring two monthly visitors and one weekly, freighted with news of the world and the church, with good reading for young and old. Many poor families might find it hard to pay so much, but in how many, even of the poorest is a much larger amount spent in tobacco or other useless or hurtful indulgences.

What a rich investment would it prove ever in a temporal point of view if every family throughout the church were to spend that amount yearly in the way above mentioned.