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## Our Christmas Number.

THE special Christmas Number, if it serves no other good purpose, helps to deepen the impression given by the manifold associations of the joyful season. The PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW takes advantage of the general practice, in order to place within the reach of every Presbyterian family in the Dominion a souvenir which will be greatly prized and treasured. It is a picture of the Moderators from the date of the union down to the present time. It will form a supplement to the issue of the 21st instant and it will be accompanied by a key and short biographical sketches of the Moderators. The picture will be finely developed half-tone, printed on paper of extra good quality, and will be suitable for framing. The Moderators have been as follows in the order given, each having occupied the position for one year:—

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The Christmas Number will contain other seasonable features and will be enlarged to thirty-two pages, but while it will be thoroughly in keeping with the occasion, it will retain the character of the REVIEW as ordinarily issued, as to departments and general arrangement. It will thus have the advantage of being a genuine copy of the REVIEW in Christmas dress. It should prove to be popular as well as interesting from a Presbyterian standpoint.

It is proposed that a copy of the moderators' picture with key should be sent to each subscriber for next year and those who have not already given their names for 1894 should not lose time in doing so, so that all who wish to secure a copy may be furnished with one.

## Helpers in Our Work.

WITH the close of 1893 at hand our readers are introduced in this issue in our announcement card to a number of ladies and gentlemen with whom they will have more or less intimate converse during the year to come. Several of the names are well known in almost every home in the land, while in the Church all of them are honoured and highly respected. That their help will be given to sow the good seed of the Kingdom through these columns, as their opportunities will allow, is matter for sincere congratulation. It will be seen that the east and west and centre are represented. Thus the REVIEW will be kept in live touch with the activities of the Church all along the line, and suggestions, as well as useful information and Church intelligence will be more readily accessible than formerly. As to the responsibilities attached to the position of associate editors and correspondents, it may be well to give a word of explanation. They are not directly or indirectly responsible for articles appearing in these columns which do not bear their signatures. It would be manifestly unfair that they should be held responsible for the general conduct of the paper or that each of them should share the responsibility of articles written by one of their number. Yet the REVIEW will profit by their advice as well as by their writings. On the other hand, the REVIEW assumes the entire responsibility for every item and article in its columns except in the case of correspondence or specially contributed articles over which it will exercise merely the usual, well-defined editorial supervision. Starting out with this explanation there need be no embarrassment or misunderstanding in connection with our combined labours. We shall be assisted, very materially, by other able friends who recognize the value of the Church journal in disseminating healthy opinions in the homes. For all this we are grateful, both because of the fine spirit shown by devoted men and women whose lives are busy and whose energies are otherwise greatly in demand, and of the greater service we may confidently expect to render in our special sphere of labour.

## North West Synod.

THE sessions of the Synod of Manitoba and the N. W. Territories were held at Portage la Prairie from Thursday the 16th till Tuesday the 22nd of Nov. Most of the reports were full and well presented and the debates were spirited yet friendly; but the attendance of members and the interest of the public in the evening meetings left much to be desired. This led to the debating of plans for increasing the interest and attendance. The last two