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THE END.

This issue ends a year, a volume, a quarter century of THE PRESBYTERIAN RECORD, and the nineteenth century of the Christian era. There are two points of special interest in anything, whether a piece of work, a period of time, or a human life, *viz.*, the beginning with its possibility and promise and hope, and the end with what has been and might have been.

With regard to the Record, a backward look shows much to be thankful for on its own part, in the kindly way in which it has been received, the many pleasant and helpful words that have been said about it, the generous co-operation of the large number from Atlantic to Pacific who have aided in its circulation, and the helpfulness of missionaries abroad and conveners and secretaries, etc., at home, who have furnished matter for its pages, and thus enabled it to fulfil the purpose for which it was established by the Church.

As to the future may this oft-time plea again be urged, that as it is the paper of the Church, established by the Church for all its families, as many additional congregations as possible take it for every family; and that where this cannot be attained, subscribers will assist those who kindly do the work of distribution, by handing in to them subscriptions as promptly as possible. Further, to subscribe for some other one who is unable or unwilling, may be doing good missionary work, sowing seed that will bring forth a hundred fold.

As to life, year and century endings remind that much of its work is past beyond recall, and that the end of the remainder is hastening apace. Old years may be followed by new,

dead centuries by others yet to come, but human life has its one opportunity, with no other following where mistakes can be retrieved or opportunities recalled.

SCOTLAND'S CENTURY MONUMENT.

Scotland leads in marking the turn of the century. Other monuments she will have, as memorials of God's goodness and as pledges of her own re-consecration, but her chief one will be the union that took place, 31 Oct., after thirty-seven years of prayer and work, between the United Presbyterian and Free Churches of Scotland, one of the grandest scenes in Scottish history.

On Tuesday, 30 Oct., the Supreme Court of each Church met separately in their wonted places, Assembly and Synod Halls, to adopt the Uniting Act. The U. P. Synod was unanimous as for years. In the Free Assembly the vote stood six hundred and forty-three to twenty-seven. Some of the latter with that persistence which has so often made the Scot a winner in field and forum and finance, declared themselves the Free Church of Scotland and met again elsewhere as the Free Church General Assembly.

On Wednesday morning the two bodies gathered as before, and setting out at an appointed time, headed by their respective Moderators, Dr. Ross Taylor and Dr. Mair, marched two and two in long procession, and, meeting on Prince's Street, from either side, like two streams uniting, each successive pair linked arms together, and continued four abreast to the Waverly Market, which was beautifully fitted up for