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This issue of the PRESBYTERIAN will reach many to whom it has not previously been sent. Will those who receive it kindly do something to aid in its circulation by subscribing for it, by handing it to some one who will be likely to do so, or by getting up a small club: We feel free in asking this favor, because the paper is in no sense a private interest. All the work connected with it is wholly gratuitous. The aim is to aid in giving a knowledge of the work of the Church in all its branches, while the proceeds, after paying for paper and printing, etc., are given to our Foreign Mission Work. It has nearly completed its sixth year and may be considered no longer an experiment. It has got fairly upon its feet and has already paid \$350 in to the Foreign Mission Fund. The first duty of every Presbyterian family is to take the *Presbyterian Record*. After that, there is a number of Presbyterian papers, largely devoted to the work of the Church. The *Canada Presbyterian*, the *Presbyterian Review*, the *Presbyterian Witness*, and, not last, but perhaps least, and so cheap that the poorest can afford it, there is the MARITIME PRESBYTERIAN. One might do worse than take four copies at a dollar for gratuitous distribution. Parcels of sample copies will be sent free to all who wish them. The paper will be sent free for the remainder of the year to all subscribers for 1887.

*The Presbyterian Review*, a quarterly magazine, published in New York, has been noticed in these pages on different occasions. This month our readers have a taste of its flavor, for a large part of this issue is devoted to Dr. McVicar's article, "Romanism in Canada," published some months ago in that periodical. The article should be carefully read by every Protestant in Canada. The French Canadian problem is one of the most important with which the Dominion has to deal, and this article, from the pen of one so well fitted to speak with authority upon the subject is the best discussion of that problem in all its bearings that has yet appeared.

Mr. and Mrs. McRae left Halifax on Sept. 21st, for Trinidad, via New York. As they go forth, let us not forget that while Paul may plant and Apollos water, God alone can give the increase. That increase is given in answer to prayer, and in this way, those who cannot go forth as missionaries to the heathen, and can perhaps give little to send others, can by their prayers do much to make successful the work of those who go. The missionary of a praying church, will, other things being equal, be the most successful in his work.

Mr. and Mrs. Annand have had a hard and busy summer travelling and addressing missionary meetings both West and East. The seed sown will, no doubt, bear fruit many days hence in a deepened interest in missions. They need rest but will probably be starting ere long, for their distant field of labor in the South Seas. It is a comparatively easy matter to go to our nearer and more civilized mission fields, but to spend a life among low and degraded savages, with no white friend, being obliged to send one's children away to some Christian land to keep them from evil, so soon as they are five or six years of age, and to live in loneliness without them, hearing from them, and from the outside world, perhaps once in six months is a trial of faith and love such as men and women are not often called upon to endure.