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This issue closes the eighth volume of the MARITIME PRESBYTERIAN, reminding us all that another year of our brief time for work is drawing to a close, that the night cometh when no man can work. How many who read the first issue of the year have passed away, some in life's morning, some with whom the shadows of evening were lengthening. Mr. Grant in a letter on another page calls attention to the changes in Trinidad. What changes in the workers in our Sabbath Schools and churches! And how many who read these lines shall be called hence ere another year has run its course? Be it the aim of each to have our lamps trimmed and our lights burning and be as those who wait for the coming of their Lord, to do with our might what our hands find to do.

During the year the MARITIME has circulated more than a million and a half of pages of reading matter, and we think that it is not assuming too much to say that it was good, sound, and wholesome. What shall the harvest be?

As in former years, our thanks are due to the many who have so kindly aided in circulating the MARITIME. To these fellow helpers we look again. Upon them we depend for the coming year, trusting that none will grow weary in well doing.

The following favours we venture to ask for the coming year :-

1. That all our readers will endeavor to increase the circulation of the MARITIME. We will gladly send sample parcels free to any who will distribute them.

2. That all will kindly hand in their names and the price without delay to the parties who so kindly act as agents, and thus save them the trouble of gathering up the subscriptions.

3. Please do not send postage stamps as payment if it can be avoided.

Thanks are hereby given to those who kindly sent back the November number. And if there are any other of our readers who have read the November issue, and who do not wish to preserve it, they would confer a favor by sending it to this office.

Read Carefully the extracts from Dr. Steele's letter given in another page. It will be very cheering to the missionaries to be thus brought so much nearer the pulse beat of civilization, hearing from the outside world every month. Please note, too, how to mail letters and papers, so as to save remailing and repaying in Australia. Send them as follows. Take for example Mr. McKenzie.

Address as follows :-

Rev. J. W. Mackenzie,

Efate,

New Hebrides.

Via Australia,

And so with Messrs. Robertson and Ammand.

As will be seen from the extracts of minutes of the New Hebrides Mission Synod given in this issue, the missionaries are seeking to arrange a system of orthography for the whole group. This will do much to simplify the labors of the individual missionaries in reducing new languages to writing.

In our last issue, it was stated that the Moderator of Synod, Rev. Neil McKay, was the only minister of the Free Church of Nova Scotia, taking part in the Union of 1860, who is now in charge of a congregation in our Synod. There was one other, Rev. K. McKenzie, of Baddeck, C. B., who has been pastor of the same charge for thirty two years.

Rev. M. G. Henry has resigned the charge of the congregation of Shubenacadie and