

## The Presbyterian Record.

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**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.**—It gives us much pleasure to announce that from and after the first of January next, MR. ROBERT MURRAY, of Halifax, well-known as the Editor and Proprietor of the *Presbyterian Witness*, will be associated with us in the editing of the RECORD. We feel sure that to our readers in the Maritime Provinces, this announcement will be received with satisfaction, implying as it does the best guarantee we can offer of an earnest desire that their interests shall not be overlooked. While such of our Western friends as do not know Mr. Murray, may take our word for it, that the RECORD will be a gainer in having secured the services of a clever writer, a man of sound judgment, and of large experience in this particular department of literature.

We have therefore to request that all communications from the Maritime Provinces, intended for insertion in the RECORD, whether in the form of local news, or intelligence from the Mission fields, be forwarded to Mr. Murray, at Halifax.

REMITTANCES, and all other matters of business will continue to be addressed to the Montreal office, as usual.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS, and old, alike, will understand that the price of the RECORD is 25 cents per annum, in parcels to one address: Single copies, 60 cents per annum, including postage. We may also remind all our subscribers that the low price of the Magazine makes it necessary that payment be made in advance. In no other way can we conduct the business satisfactorily. By the kindness of our friends, we have been enabled this year to "make ends meet." We owe no man anything—not even the smallest grudge do we owe to those who have reminded us of our imperfections.

Did it consist with our sense of propriety, on the *audi alteram partem* principle—we could, as some others do with

questionable taste, produce and publish laudatory letters also. But while we have been greatly encouraged by such, and have, indeed, rolled them like sweet morsels under our tongue, we have always regarded them as private and confidential. We are not so enamoured of the editorial chair as to be desirous of occupying it one day longer than it may be for the interests of the Church that we should do so. This, however, we must say,—whatever shortcomings we may be chargeable with, should not be allowed to interfere with the circulation of the RECORD. It is a necessity of the Church, and, we make bold to say that, on the whole, it has been an unparalleled success. And so, the last word we have to say to the ministers and office-bearers of the church for the year 1876, is,—Perish the Editor and the Committee of Management, and the printer and paper-maker too, if you will, but rally round your own RECORD, make it better by your contributions to its columns, and leave no means untried to make it more and more a welcome guest in every Presbyterian family.

## LITERATURE.

PRESBYTERIAN QUARTERLY AND PRINCETON REVIEW.

The part for October, if not quite so brilliant as its immediate predecessor, is redeemed from the character of heaviness by several very good articles. That on *American Methodism* by Dr. W. J. R. Taylor, for instance. We may not be able to quite coincide with the enthusiastic anticipations of Dr. Knox of Elmira, in his treatment of *The Organic Unity of the Church*, yet it is a suggestive and interesting topic, and well-timed, in view of the great unions of churches that have lately cheered the hearts of Christian people. The same may be said of the two articles on *Revivals* by Dr. Lyman H. Atwater, one of the editors. His associate, Dr. Henry B. Smith, than whom there is perhaps no more learned a theologian or abler writer in the United States, contributes an article on recent German works on *Apologetics*, which can only be fully appreciated by advanced students. This valuable Quarterly is supplied to Canadians by Rev. Andrew Kennedy, London, Ont. Price \$2.35.