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This No. closes the first volume of the MARITIME PRESBYTERIAN. We wish to tender cordial thanks to all who by their pen have added to its interest, or who by influence and effort have increased its circulation.

We have a favor to ask, viz.: That it be not mis-called "*Record*." We have—*The Record*—which should be in every family that can afford it. The MARITIME PRESBYTERIAN has no more to do with the *Record* than has the *Canada Presbyterian* or the *Presbyterian Witness*. During the past year it has trenched on no ground belonging to any other periodical. It has a field of its own. Its object is to give in a form so cheap as to be within reach of all, some general religious news, together with matters of interest connected with the progress of Christ's work in the Eastern section of our church; local matters that *could not possibly* have a place in the *Record*, and that *would not* through any other source reach the bulk of the people in our congregations.

A considerable portion of it is specially for the young people, and is devoted partly to their work of supporting the Dayspring and Mission Schools and partly to carefully selected readings.

We respectfully and earnestly ask the continued help of all who are interested in the work to which this paper is dedicated; the work of removing the debt on our church schemes, of paying liberal supplements to the smaller congregations and paying them in full, of giving the Gospel to those in the Home

Mission Field of the Church, of keeping up our College to train young men for the ministry and of maintaining and extending our Foreign Mission work.

Since its commencement there have been printed on an average about 4,000 copies per month. These have been circulated that men may read and judge.

At first the subscription list was small and the large number distributed gratuitously, increased the cost, so that it has not yet paid for itself, but the circulation is now sufficient to make it self-supporting.

The editorial work and management is gratuitous and we have confidence in asking others to help in the good work.

Mission Boxes for New Hebrides.

Parcels for New Hebrides Missionaries should be addressed to Dr. McGregor, care Mr. Geo. E. Forsythe, opposite Jerusalem Warehouse. New Hebrides boxes must be despatched by Christmas, or they run the risk of being detained *six months* at Sydney. All should, therefore, be despatched from donors by the 20th, so as to reach me on the 22nd.

THE Presbyterian Church in Ireland has again generously voted £400 stg. toward Mission work in Canada. Of this amount £150 has been granted for Home missions in the West, £150 for French Evangelization, and £100 for Home mission work in the Maritime Provinces. This welcome aid in this Eastern portion of the Church will be used to help the Supplementing Fund. Our cordial thanks are due to our generous benefactors.