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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

Some of our subscribers appear to misunderstand the cause of the increase of price in our paper. We are not endeavouring to make those, who do pay, pay for those who do not. Subscribers when in arrear for a certain period are and will continue to be struck off our list. The price of the paper has been increased because the former price left us every year in debt, and did not allow us means to make the periodical what we wish to see the organ of the Presbyterian Church in Canada become.

We believe we are correct in stating that no religious periodical in this country affords the same amount of reading matter as the *Presbyterian*. True, some are less in price, but they do not give one-half (in some cases not one-quarter) the amount of intelligence.

We cordially thank those subscribers who in response to our appeal have remitted the amount of their accounts. With this number we send out accounts to all those still owing, repeating that the remittance of the respective amounts will clear each subscriber to Dec. 31, 1862. The publisher will rectify any error any subscriber may point out in his account, and by payment to the end of the year and regular remittance every January for the then coming year subscribers will save themselves from the possibility of mistake.

Much has been done this year already, but, if we are to close it unfettered by debt, our subscribers still owing must remit. We trust this month will produce an amount that shall relieve us of anxiety for this year and stimulate us to the improvement of our columns.

Although our Subscription-list has diminished in number by 200 names since we changed the form and price of "The Presbyterian," we have been so much encouraged by many warm friends expressing their satisfaction at the improvement that we feel determined that nothing will

be wanting on our part to make our Journal what it purports to be in its title-page.

The present number (a double one), we think, is a proof of this, and we intend to continue improving both in matter and appearance, if the Presbyterians in Canada, and more especially those of our own Church, give that support which we think the Journal ought to have. The Selections for the present number, some of which are written by men of eminence in our Church, are worth in real value the whole year's subscription.

Among our contributions are several articles in poetry and prose, written by ladies in Canada, which will compare favourably with the works of those who stand high in the literary circles of Europe. "A Wreath of Canadian Wild Flowers," we are sure, will be interesting to many of our readers. The lines by Miss Mary Hill, and the verses entitled, "A Voice from Canada," we consider really beautiful.

We give the 2nd chapter on the "Catacombs of Rome," written expressly for "The Presbyterian" by a minister of our Church, and an Essay on the Scottish Reformation by the Rev. John Cook, D. D., of Quebec.

We have to thank those who have contributed thus far to our columns, and trust they will continue their good work, and hope their example will be followed by others who may have hitherto felt indifferent to the cause.

Let us here repeat, what we have formerly stated, that the great object of the Committee is to forward the interests of the Presbyterian Church in Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland. To do this we require all the influence of our clergy as well as of the leading laymen of our Church to increase our Subscription-list, that the paper may be widely circulated.

Nothing would be more gratifying to the Committee, after paying the printer, than to have it in their power to present a sum of money to Queen's College, either in the shape of a bursary, or in prizes for distinguished