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EDITORIAL JOTTINGS.

READER, is your peace made with God? One month of the New Year has passed, never to return, only its results remain. Has the heart been hardened by delay or moulded by the spirit of the Christ as it yielded to his power? Time is not for ever, its hours will soon have run. Behold *now* is the accepted time; behold *now* is the day of salvation. Peace is not to be sought when the door is shut!

OUR Home Missions touch the very life of our work. A few facts for reflection and earnest action we propose to set before our readers. At the late meeting of the executive, just before New Year's, the following facts were elicited; reader, ponder them well.

There has been expended since the annual report in June, \$5,223.25, received \$2,757.93, leaving a deficiency of \$2,465.32. This is not pleasant to contemplate; certainly collections are not by any means in, but why are we thus chronically behind?

Of the \$2,757.93 received, \$500 is from our anonymous friend; \$126 dividend on investments in the Maritime Provinces, and \$964.77 from the Colonial Missionary Society; therefore only \$1,167.16 comes from our churches. This is not encouraging to those upon whom the responsibility of administration has been made to rest. One thing is certain if we are to keep up with our advances, and that is, a more general and determined interest must be manifested by our churches in their home work. Certain it is, we have made encouraging advance since our Superintendent has been on the field, this call, for greater effort if we would "hold the fort" and push forward our lines. We must talk less of "hard times" and feel more for mercies received; thank God, take courage, gird up our loins, and onward; which may God grant, Amen.

Our generous friend who anonymously gave \$2,000 for work in Manitoba, (unless some one has undertaken to speak for him,) has expressed approval of the course taken by the executive in not recklessly using the gift. He requests that part should be used for work in British Columbia, and leaves the rest at the disposal of the committee. Should these lines meet his eye, we would assure him that the committee receive gratefully his expression of confidence in their fidelity and judgment.

A VERY reasonable rule of the Missionary Society requires half yearly reports from churches receiving Missionary aid ere the cheques are forwarded. There are several cheques in our worthy Secretary's desk he would gladly rid himself of, and only waits compliance with the rule ere he posts the same. He can do no otherwise. We would not leave our cheque long in his hands these times, we know.

A VERY suggestive article appears in the editorial columns of our esteemed contemporary the *Christian Guardian* on "Church union as a cure for present divisions." Its first sentence is, "we have no strong faith in the practicality of an organic union of the Protestant Churches." The reason for this appears in the subsequent remarks, and may prove instructive to us. The evils of division are acknowledged, e. g.

"According to the Ontario Directory of 1884-85, of the villages of Ontario containing a population of fifty or less, fifty-seven have two Protestant churches each, seven have three Protestant churches each, three have four Protestant churches each.

"Of places having a population of one hundred or less, one hundred and ninety have two Protestant churches each, forty-five have three Protestant churches each, two have four Protestant churches each.

"Of the villages having a population of five hundred or less, four hundred and fifty-two have two Protestant churches each, two hundred have three Protestant churches each, twenty-five have four Pro-