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WE gratefully acknowledge receipt of the subscriptional sums from the members of Synod of New Brunswick. We have been long anxious, and have made every effort editorially and otherwise, to make the *Record* self-supporting, so far we have not yet succeeded. Still, we believe, it has done, and is doing a good work, and its circulation, in proportion to our number is perhaps greater than that of any similar religious publication. When we state that at the present price it barely pays paper and printing, and that do what we will, there remains a large margin of bad debts, in addition to the expense of conducting the periodical, it may be easily understood that there must continue to be an annual deficit. Could our circulation be increased one third we would be safe, and we hope a most vigorous effort will be made in every congregation next year to reach that point.

In future we have the prospect of placing before our readers, regularly, contributions from members of our Church in New Brunswick, the Synod having appointed a committee from each presbytery for that purpose, and we need not say we make this announcement with much satisfaction.

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Sermon of Moderator of Synod of New Brunswick.

THE sermon of the Rev. Mr. McLardy, retiring Moderator of the Synod of New Brunswick, reached us too late for publication in our present issue, the usual sermon having been in type. It will appear in our next, as well also a "Report of the proceedings of last meeting of Synod."

WE have to thank the Rev. Mr. Gann, for a considerable addition to our subscription list from Cape Breton, and beg to acknowledge £1 enclosed. We direct attention to his quaint and graphic Missionary Report in the present number.

Review of the Past Month.

IN our last Review, we alluded at some length to the reverses sustained by the Northern army before Richmond. When we wrote, McClellan had established himself at Harrison's Landing, closely beleaguered and in a critically dangerous position. What has since happened reads more like a dream or a romance than a living reality. McClellan evacuated Harrison's Landing with the intention of meeting with the armies of Pope and Burnside, and under the impression that his departure was unknown to, because unopposed by, the enemy. The policy immediately adopted by the South, for boldness and address is almost without a parallel in history. Leaving Richmond comparatively destitute of troops, Generals Lee and Jackson, with their whole forces, attack the separated armies, and after a series of bloody engagements, in almost all of which they were successful, they managed to get into the rear of the main Northern army, and within a few days make themselves masters of the whole of Northern Virginia, cross the Potomac into Maryland, and threaten at once Baltimore and Washington. Here another series of still more bloody but indecisive engagements are fought. The loss on both sides must have been very serious. In the principal engagement the Federals confessed to a loss of about 10,000, while that of the South was probably equal. At Harper's Ferry, an army of 12,000 men, with all their stores and equipments, surrendered unconditionally to General Jackson. In another place, an army of 5,000 was obliged to surrender to the Southern General Bragge. In the meantime, however, the progress of the South northward has been checked, and partially overborne by the force of numbers, would appear now to be recrossing the Potomac. So far, the North has lost ground to an immense extent. The draft has not yet been rigidly enforced, but it is said that the Northern government intend to raise their army to a million of men, and crush the rebellion by their numerical strength. President Lincoln has proclaimed universal and unconditional emancipation in all disloyal States after the first of January next. A miserable exhibition of national weakness, to proclaim a privilege where one cannot assert a vestige of authority, reminds us of the story of the Khan of Tartary, who, after finishing his meal of horseflesh under his sheepskin tent, was graciously pleased to declare that the other monarchs of the world might now