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This number closes the *sixth* volume of the MARITIME PRESBYTERIAN. It has now carried out a purpose, for some time contemplated, viz. that of shortening its name by dropping the MARITIME, making its title somewhat less unwieldy for a small paper. It will be continued as, "THE PRESBYTERIAN."

The accounts for the year have not been all settled and the profits of the paper for the past year, to be devoted to Missions, cannot yet be exactly known.

We think its labors during its short life have not been in vain. During these six years it has scattered nearly 10,000,000, (*ten millions*) of pages of good, sound, wholesome reading, news of the church, at home and abroad. Missionary letters, selections, bearing on all phases of the moral and religious life, have for the most part, filled its pages, and while some seed may have fallen among thorns, some in stony places, and some by the way side; much must have fallen into good ground and brought forth fruit.

If it has done anything to counteract in the least degree the tide of impure and immoral literature that is flooding our land, and helped to any extent to lead sinners to a Saviour, to build up purer and better lives, to stir up any to greater zeal and diligence in the work of saving a lost world, there is reason for profound gratitude, and encouragement to go forward.

We beg to thank most heartily those who have kindly aided in circulating it. To them is owing in great measure whatever success has been attained, and while thanking for the past we would respectfully and earnestly

ask their help during the coming year to secure if possible a largely increased circulation.

The year just closing has brought its changes to our mission staff in Trinidad. Early in the year Mr. McLeod, missionary in Princetown was called away by death and the young widow and her two little ones had a sorrowful home-coming, leaving the dust that was dear to them in the Island to which his life had been given. Miss Hilton, teacher at Tunapuna, unable to continue her work from ill-health came home with Mrs. McLeod. Later on Miss Semple who had been doing a good work at Tacarigua, as teacher, took ill and had to leave for a short time to recruit. On the other hand Mr. and Mrs. McRae have gone to take up the work at Princetown, followed by Miss Archibald who goes to teach at Couva.

To the New Hebrides Mission, the year has brought its changes though in a different form. For years the attempts of French trading companies to gain a better footing on the island, by buying up land and in this way seeking to bring the group more under French influence, has caused at times some anxiety to the missionaries, but never until the present year has there been anything like a military occupation. At the beginning of the year the prospects was as bright as ever they had been. Early in the year there were rumours that caused some uneasiness, and about the month of June a French man-of-war from New Caledonia landed troops and stores on two of the islands, and formed military stations, with the intention no doubt, if not compelled to retire, of remaining there. Britain has protested, but thus far the protest has been unheeded. She will likely continue to protest but will not probably, make it a cause of war, and the fact of her occupying Egypt, of which France is so jealous, will make her careful not to arouse that jealousy more than is necessary. The probabilities are that the French will gradually and permanently occupy the New Hebrides but that they will not dare to interfere with the work of the missionaries as has been done in other places. The work of our church while pros-