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### PROSPECTS FOR 1887.

**T**HE great improvements already made in the MONTHLY RECORD are highly valued and praised, not only by our intelligent subscribers in the Maritime Provinces, but also by able and learned men throughout Canada, the United States, and even in Scotland and England. Honest rivals see and recognize its merits; and if any false tongue rails against it, the decisive answer is to read the RECORD and judge for yourself which is true and loyal, and which is of a sadly opposite character.

But we are preparing to make the MONTHLY RECORD better and better still in the year 1887. Some very choice articles are promised from month to month, which our readers will learn to value as they appear. The Ministers of our Synod have agreed to give cordial aid; and other able writers have promised valuable articles from time to time. Our worthy friend, Hon. Mr. Justice Young, LL.D., has consented to furnish a series of monthly Lessons on the History of the Church of CHRIST from its earliest infancy. These must be of deep interest to all Christians, and should prove as widely popular as the "*Letters of Agricola*," by his worthy sire of happy memory.

Besides these and other improvements which will prove a precious boon to all our subscribers, we are also preparing to give some choice premiums to such of our friends and Agents as will forward us the FULL AMOUNT DUE from their sections before the end of the year; and those also who will forward us lists of NEW

SUBSCRIBERS prepaid for 1887. Let our friends begin the good work without delay. They will find it both useful and helpful to our RECORD, our Church and themselves. It will help to train them to be active and successful in the cause of our Church when the older champions go to their rest. We have seen a large and truly beautiful Scottish Picture of "THE GATHERING OF THE CLANS," in all the splendour of their Highland dresses,—their spotless bonnets blue, their kilts and tartan plaids,—with every color true to life. It deserves a high place of honor in the best Scottish parlors. We propose to distribute at least FIFTY of these splendid pictures as premiums, among such friends and Agents as will prove themselves most successful in paying up arrears and in securing new subscribers for the RECORD. And we reserve the right to increase the number of premiums very largely if we find that they have been more largely deserved.

### TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

If you have not yet paid for the MONTHLY RECORD for this year, please do so as soon as possible. Every honest man (and we think our subscribers are all honest) will pay if he can. Every honest man will remember if he has not paid, and will hasten to do his duty. If any one is too poor to pay, (as, for instance, a widow in need,) we give hers free of cost. But the rest will please pay promptly; for we have to pay up every cent of our accounts by the end of the year. If our readers only knew how much money it takes to keep up such a magazine in good style, they would not delay, and still more if they knew what immense exertion and labor night and day is required to edit as we do without payment. But above all, they can duly consider what priceless benefit (at once moral and spiritual, educational, social and ecclesiastical), such a local religious periodical brings to every family that reads it carefully and studies it loyally, no wise parent will ever grudge to pay 25 cents a year for the MONTHLY RECORD.

### TO OUR AGENTS.

Please collect and forward the balance due (if not already paid) from your section, as soon as you can. We give notice to our subscribers as above; but we depend upon you to give effect to our call, by collecting and forwarding the arrears, except so much as is due from the poor and needy, which we heartily forgive. It is not possible for a Parish Minister to edit the MONTHLY RECORD as we do it, and at the same time to collect all the dues, while he