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CLOSING WORDS.

With the present number the "Home and Foreign Record" ceases to be published. It commenced as a result of the Union of two Churches in 1860, and it concludes with the Union of four Churches in 1875. It is quite right that the "Presbyterian Church in Canada" should have one, and but one official organ. The *Record*, whose fifteenth volume we close this month, succeeded the periodicals of the "Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia," and the "Free Church." The present writer had associated with him in the work of editing the *Record*, from 1861 to 1867, the Rev. George Patterson, D. D., and from 1867 till now the Rev. P. G. McGregor; and he can truly say that the work from first to last—from December, 1860, to December, 1875—was ever a labour of love. From the first our *Record* was well received by the United Church, and its circulation gradually increased to 5000 copies monthly. No periodical of the kind has had more careful editorial labour and supervision bestowed upon it, and the result was manifest. Readers cannot easily realise the toil and care involved in the proper editing of a periodical such as this, the perusal, often the re-perusal, of a variety of articles, ending in the regretful rejection of many, and the revising of not a few. Then there is the careful husbanding of space by "cutting down" news; there is the writing of the necessary editorial articles, and finally there is the reading of every line and every word twice over in print, in order to correct typographical errors. The clear, well-printed

sheet laid before the reader, does not by any means indicate all the processes of which it is the result; our hardest work never appears on the surface.

But all this is over for the "Home and Foreign Record;" and our mention of the work involved in its production is for the benefit of the new *Record*, that when it comes into the people's hands for a quarter of dollar, they may think what brain-work an eye-work, and hand-work are involved. We cordially thank the thousands of reader who, from month to month, for the past fifteen years cheered and strengthened us by their appreciation of the *Record*. We thank God for the opportunity of usefulness afforded by these pages, in an important section of the Vineyard; and we bespeak for our successor, the **PRESBYTERIAN RECORD**, a most hearty and far-extending welcome.

Grateful mention is due to the *Record* Committee for their uniform courtesy and kindness; and it is also due to the Printer to place on record the fact that his work was always well and satisfactorily performed, and that he was ready at all times, often at no inconsiderable inconvenience to himself, to suit the days of publication to the necessities of the church.

ROBERT MURRAY.

OUR CHURCH SCHEMES.

The four Presbyterian bodies now united had various ways and times of contributing to the schemes of their respective Churches. Indeed there was great variety