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A Word to Our Readers.

We have much pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to the fact that we have now reached the first anniversary of our birthday as a Church paper. During the past twelve months we have had many vicissitudes, many difficulties, and many discouragements; but, in spite of all these, we have gone on our way quietly, but persistently, trying to make each issue better than its predecessor.

It is not an easy matter to carry on a Church paper in a new and but partially settled country like this great Northwest. The Church population, from which our readers are mostly drawn, is limited, compared with that of Eastern Canada, and, in consequence, we cannot expect that our enterprise will amount to much as a mercantile speculation. As things are at present, we shall be content if we are able to clear working expenses. Already a considerable sum has been expended in getting the "Western Churchman" thoroughly started; this year, we earnestly trust that our efforts will be more generally appreciated, and a large addition to our list of subscribers be the outcome.

We have sent out a large number of copies gratis every month, and we hope that those who have received the same will now send in their names and subscriptions to our business manager, Mr. Wm. Kirkland, Box 310, for the new year begun with this number. We would ask those who gave in their names but did not pay their subscriptions in advance to remit the same now. The subscription is only one dollar a year, when paid in advance. Special club rates for congregations are as follows:—

50 subscribers and less than 100—60 cents a year each.

100 subscribers and upwards—50 cents a year each.

We again beg both clergy and laity to aid us in our endeavors to make the "Western Churchman" a thoroughly representative paper for the Church of England in the Northwest.

The "Churchman" is not a partisan paper. Hitherto we have done our best to give fair play to all. If any congregation does not have its items of interest inserted, it is simply because such are not furnished to us. No one can say we have ever shown even the slightest hesitation to in-

sert any contribution from a member of our own communion.

Several clergy have called attention to the fact that special notice is taken of Brandon, and that its hours of service, etc., are always given. To such we reply that St. Matthew's, Brandon, and its energetic pastor, have supported our efforts more enthusiastically than any other church in Western Canada. We have over 150 subscribers in Brandon. The "Western Churchman" is their parish paper. Any other parish that supports our efforts in the same proportion, and asks us to publish their notices, will receive similar privileges.

If the clergy in the various parishes will only take the trouble to send in their notices, appeals for aid, items of parish news, etc., we will be delighted to publish the same. We aim at having ten subscribers in every parish (at the very least). Surely this is not a great deal to ask. Depend upon it, there will be a corresponding return in more ways than one; for, with a fuller knowledge of local wants and difficulties, Canadian Churchmen generally will take a keener interest in the scattered flocks of this great Western land.

The editor will be glad to send specimen copies to any postal address; and, so far as time permits, will be glad to visit parishes in the interests of the "Churchman," when invited to do so by the clergyman in charge.

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