

all times the sympathy and, as much as lieth in it, the assistance and co-operation of THE PRESBYTERIAN RECORD.

With the narrow spirit, that is blind to the imperfections of its own system, that sees no good in other systems, and that prides itself only on its so-called *prestige*, THE PRESBYTERIAN RECORD will have no sympathy. In the expressive words used in the basis of union, "It will cherish affection towards the whole Church of God," and it will present from time to time such a summary of religious intelligence generally as may be found practicable.

There will be no place found in its columns for controversy. "It will "seek PEACE and ensue it." Believing in the brotherhood of the whole Christian family, it will endeavour to promote their unity by inculcating principles of charity, mutual forbearance, and kindly sympathy.

With these aims THE PRESBYTERIAN RECORD will, in January next, ask countenance and support from the thirty thousand patrons of the four existing magazines, and, if it shall find favour in their sight, from twenty thousand more. It will aspire to be a welcome visitor in the minister's study, in the merchant's parlour, at the mechanic's and the farmer's fireside, and in the back woodsman's lonely shanty.

CONDITIONS OF SUCCESS.

The editor will look to the ministers and other office-bearers of the church for the material for which he is to make up his monthly budget of information. He cannot make bricks without straw. The Conveners of Mission and other Boards and Committees of the Church, and all Clerks of Presbyteries will be *ex-officio*, special correspondents. The restriction as to the price of the magazine implies limits respecting the space for reading matter. It cannot exceed twenty-eight pages per month—though that will form a yearly volume of 366 pages for twenty-five cents!

THE QUALITIES OF A FIRST-RATE CORRESPONDENT

will be such as these:—1st, *promptitude*, in view of the time that must elapse before the communication is put into print, multiplied thirty thousand fold, and sent to its destination, it may be a thousand miles away. It will be impossible to guarantee the insertion of any communication reaching the office later than the 12th of the month. 2nd, *good penmanship*—writing upon one side of the paper so distinctly and clearly that there can be no mistake about it. 3rd, *BREVITY*—This will be his best and distinguishing accomplishment. He will seldom have more to say at one time than he can put on a postal card.

CONCERNING FINANCE.

In dealing with its publisher and its employees the RECORD will strive to observe the maxim,—“Owe no man anything.” Small though the margin be, with rigid economy in every department, the hope of financial success may be entertained, if only its patrons be governed by the same rule. It will look to congregations, in their corporate capacity, expecting them to devise liberal things, to taken measures for circulating the Magazine in every family of the Church, to undertake the collection of individual subscriptions, AND TO PAY IN ADVANCE. This, above all else, is requisite and necessary.