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"IF I FORGET THEE, O JERUSALEM! LET MY RIGHT HAND FORGET ITS CUNNING."—Ps. 137. 5.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU,
READER!

Akin to the joy that is felt on meeting a friend that was reported dead, must be your joy, dear reader, on meeting again your friend, THE RECORD. Being a comparative *invalid* since the 15th of June last, and said to have *breathed its last* in Dec'r. 1875, it need not surprise any one, that the January No. is later of making its appearance, and looking a little *thinner* at that.

That many of its former readers, and not a few of its ablest contributors have, by the vicissitudes incident to human life, withdrawn their patronage and countenance, is a sufficient explanation of, and apology for, its present reduced appearance.

We are sorry at parting with those who were, until recently "of us," and trust that although the ties that bound us *ecclesiastically* have been dissolved, the ties of "brotherhood" that have long united us, shall prove indissoluble.—While we give them credit for conscientious motives in the step they have taken, and bid them "God speed," we claim for ourselves, that conscientious motives kept us "as we were"; and although we are resolved still to hold our banner

aloft, it is not as a *signal of hostility*, but to indicate to the sister churches, that they have an ally in the field, prepared to co-operate with them in every good work.

We cannot hope to offer the literary treat that may be expected from the "Presbyterian Record," embracing as it does, the talent of the brightest lights of the Dominion—but we will make every effort to keep our lamp brightly burning. Contributions of local or general interest will be gratefully received from the sister church in the Maritime Provinces, seeing that in the meantime their own local Record has been discontinued, and that much local news, for want of space, must be often crowded out of the "Presbyterian Record."

We will endeavour to keep our pages free from controversy, at the same time making room for all church news that may be interesting, noting the progress of the Master's work from whatever part of the vineyard reported.

We hope, by a short sermon, monthly, together with interesting contributions, original and selected, to make the RECORD a welcome visitor in many homes; and side by side with it, on every table, we will be glad to see the "Presbyterian