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

WITH the present number we say farewell to our readers under our present arrangement, and in our present form, only, however, to wish them all a Happy New Year under another hand and issuing not from Halifax, but from Montreal. Our history has been a somewhat singular one. Our first number was issued in the beginning of January, 1855, from the office of Messrs. Bowes & Sons, 6 Barrington St., Halifax, where we first drew our ecclesiastical breath, and from that hour to the present, as the Record of the Church, we have been faithful in our allegiance to her and to duty. The RECORD has therefore stood for 21 years, and what the measure of its success was it is not for our own pages to declare. Suffice it to say that from comparatively small beginnings we have gone on from year to year with at least a moderate degree of success.

In parting with our readers and handing them over to our successor from the West, we do not conceal the fact that we do so with very mingled feelings. Yet such a time as the present is important as well as interesting, and we fancy it to be much more profitable for us to take our adieu by reminding our readers of some very important duties, in the discharge of which in the future, as in the past, they must not forget to be faithful, than by indulging in any words of a doleful sort.

The first of these is the duty of a careful and prayerful prosecution of the work of Home Missions. Any Church, to be healthy and prosperous, must cultivate faithfully and carefully the field upon which she herself is planted. The "field" is "the world," but the special part which calls specially for labour and care is that portion upon which a Church rests her own self.

The correspondent duty which men must ever be faithful in overtaking, is that of Foreign Missions. We have our foreign fields which have from the outset been an evidence that Churches can combine in a good work, whether organically one or not; and the success of the New Hebrides Mission must be the justification of the wisdom of our embarking in the enterprise.

But this great work which, combined in the two departments now mentioned, will embrace the whole world, cannot be carried on without the regularly qualified Ministry of the Church, and so every Church in Christendom, worthy of the name of a Church, has made the training of its ministry the object of solicitude. Upon this work we have entered. We now have a new interest in the Theological Hall at Halifax, and we are therefore bound, having put our hand to the plough, not to look back.

And one other work is now before us. It is nothing but right that the Church