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To our Readers.

THE Present Number concludes our second years' labor. Our sheet has been for some time before the public and the Church is now able to judge of the objects we have in view and of the manner in which we accomplish them. We are not insensible of the defects which may be found in the conducting of the Register, yet we believe that through its columns we have been the means of circulating very widely a large amount of important information regarding the schemes of our Church, and also much regarding the progress of Christ's kingdom in other portions of the world. Such efforts cannot fail to be attended with most beneficial results in quickening the zeal, and stimulating the liberality of the members of our Church in the great Missionary enterprise. The defects complained of in some of the earlier Nos., we believe are in process of removal, and we have good reason to hope that in the future its efficiency will be increased. The distance of the former Editor from the press, as well as the many other calls upon his time, prevented him from giving attention to the printing or even the preparation of the matter that was desirable. This has been remedied by obtaining the services of the Rev James Bayne, whose presence on the spot will enable him to attend to the correction of the press, and whose assistance will tend to increase the interest of our pages. We regret that during the past year our readers have had in more than

one instance to complain of irregularity in the issue, but it is hoped that from our present arrangements they will not have occasion to complain any further on this point. The new Post Office regulations, while affording a more convenient mode of transmission, will, we trust, also tend to secure greater regularity in the delivery of them.

During the past year a few copies have been sent gratuitously to every section of the Church, but the Board have resolved that for the forth-coming year the gratuitous distribution be discontinued, except in particular cases, to be judged of by the Board. We would therefore urge upon ministers and others who have acted as agents to send word as soon as possible how many copies will be required in their several localities. We must also urge the necessity of their being paid strictly in advance.

Our readers will discover that our pages for this month are enriched with a large amount of highly interesting correspondence from Ancieum, and the contributors to the fund for the education of Mr Geddie's daughter at the Missionary Institution at Walthamstow, near London, will feel peculiar gratification in the source of this information. The desire expressed by her parents that she should be taught music, has been anticipated by a recent communication to the Secretary of the London Missionary Society, but as this will involve an extra charge it was the intention of the friends in Pictou to provide