OUR GENERAL AGENT

The Rev. A. Milne, M.A., has, we regret to say, been compelled to sever his connection with the PRESBYTERIAN. The changeable and very often inclement weather which he had to encounter in prosecuting his labours, especially at this season of the year, was too much for a delicate constitution, and he could no longer continue the work. Mr. Milne will, for a time at least, fill the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church at Hammond, St. Lawrence Co., State of New York. He has our best wishes for his comfort and usefulness.

OUR CANVASS.

The Rev. Mr. Milne, in resigning his position as General Agent for this Journal says: "My idea is that the circulation could "be greatly increased if the minister of the "congregation would appoint a local "agent. In that way the country congre-"gations could be worked up, and that is "where your greatest increase must come "from. I find wherever a Minister has "spoken of the paper from the pulpit and "in his visiting that there we have a good "circulation. All it wants is pushing. Get "it introduced into the families of our "Church, and they won't go without it. "Often and often I have heard your sub-"scribers say "We would not be without "it."

In view of Mr. Milne's experience, would it not be well for our ministers to aid us in securing for the PRESBYTERIAN a more extended circulation by appointing a suitable person in each congregation to act as agent. Some [illegible] may come to with the best results. In several places clubs have been started; in other places ministers have canvassed for 40 or 50 subscribers to secure a Communion Service, or [illegible] premium, and in some instances, Sabbath-Schools have increased their Libraries by sending twenty, thirty, or forty names of new subscribers.

We urge our co-labourers not to lose time. Our general agent having resigned, we have to depend, to a large extent, on voluntary effort. Our friends can help us if they will. Now is the time for renewing and extending subscriptions. We send specimen copies, prepaid, to all who write for them. We are hearing already from active friends, but shall be glad to hear from more. Remember, THREE THOUSAND new subscribers is the figure we want to reach early the coming year. With your assistance, kind reader, this point will be very easily attained.

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