

To our Agents and Subscribers.

The *Monthly Record* has been in existence now for fourteen years, having been published first in Halifax under the editorial management of the late Rev. John Martin, and for the last ten years in Pictou, with the Rev. A. Pollok, John Co. ty, Esq., and Rev. R. McCunn as successive editors. The Synod at its last meeting appointed a small committee to consider the whole business arrangements connected with its publication, and to make any improvements that might be found necessary. Something had to be done, as there was a deficit every year, and as after this month postage would have to be paid on every number, as well as for other reasons that were urged before the Synod. The Committee have gone carefully into the whole matter; they have solicited tenders for publishing from St. John, N. B., and Halifax, N. S., and compared them with the rate at present paid; and their conclusion is that on every account it will be a decided improvement to publish at Halifax hereafter. Mr. Pender who while he was in Pictou gave valuable services to the *Record* has consented to act as Secretary; and it is therefore certain that the business management will be as promptly and courteously conducted as it always has been by Mr. Jack.

We now make an appeal to agents and subscribers. Everything depends on them. We promise for the next year to do all in our power to make the periodical a credit to the Church. We have arranged for better paper, more pages, a prepayment of postage, and yet we ask subscribers only the old price. That will be quite sufficient if subscribers will pay in advance, if agents will guarantee the lists they send, and make an effort to add a few new names to them. We wish to make a fresh start, and so we propose to delay issuing the January number for a week, to give agents time to make up and send in to us their lists. Thereafter the *Record* will be issued punctually on the day specified. Could not our agents send in their lists to us before the close of the year? Let them do a little now to help, for now is the time.

WM. MONTGOMERY.
Convener Record Com.

NOTICE.

Letters on business to be addressed to Mr.

W. G. Pender, Employment Office, Halifax.

Communications intended for insertion must be on hand by the 20th of the month previous to publication, and are to be addressed Rev. R. McCunn, River John.

At the quarterly meeting of the Pictou Presbytery held this day in St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, *inter alia*; the following appointments were given to the missionaries, with permission to exchange with any of the brethren having fixed charges, on any of said days.

MR. CAMPBELL:—Sab. 6 Dec. Rogers Hill, 13th Dec. Cape John. 20th Dec. W. B. River John, 27th Dec. Earlown. Sab. Jan. 3rd Barney's River, Jan. 10, Lochaber, Jan. 17 Lochaber, Jan. 24 B. River, Jan. 31 Barney's River. Sab. Feb. 7, Roger's Hill, Feb. 14 Cape John, Feb. 21, W. Branch R. John, Feb. 28, Earltown. March 7, Roger's Hill.

MR. McDONALD:—Sab. Dec. 6, Earltown, Dec. 13 W. Branch R. John, Dec. 20, Roger's Hill, Dec. 27 Cape John. Jan. 3, Roger's Hill, Jan. 10 Barney's River, Jan. 17 Barney's River, Jan. 24, Lochaber, Jan. 31, Lochaber, Feb. 7, Barney's River, Feb. 14, Roger's Hill, Feb. 21, Cape John, Feb. 28, W. B. River John. March 7, Earltown.

In the case of West Branch and Earltown where the sister congregations occupy the churches every alternate Sabbath, the above appointments may possibly interfere with previous arrangements, they were made in the absence of information that might help to avoid collision, and the missionaries and congregations are requested should the appointments interfere, to occupy the Church in either place that would otherwise be vacant, on the days of the appointment to those places.

Mr. McMillan of Salt Springs has declined the call from St. James' Congregation, Newcastle.

The Hymn of a Protestant Exile.

(Translated from the German.)

With reference to the following hymn a word of explanation may be necessary. In Saltzburg, a District of Austria, there had existed since the sixteenth century quiet and inobtrusive communities of evangelical Christians, who had received toleration because they were industrious citizens. The Romish archbishop, however, tried to convert them by force—an attempt, which, as in every case of the kind, failed. In consequence, an order of the archbishop drove them from house