

The Presbyterian Record,

MONTREAL, 1st AUGUST, 1876.

Our registered circulation for July was 36,000. Had we not been a few days late in coming out, on account of the General Assembly, we might never have known our own importance. But that shoal of letters! and these anxious inquiries for the being and well-being of the RECORD, have opened our eyes. We shall endeavour to profit by the discovery. If there are still any who have not received their proper numbers for July, let them please drop us a card. We have also to say to parties who have received their accounts from us, that we hope to be informed of any inaccuracies that may have been discovered. It seemed scarcely possible, just at the outset, to avoid a few mistakes, both on account of the large number of orders that came upon us suddenly, and the complicated nature of some of them. But in all such cases we shall be glad of the opportunity to correct the wrong, and to make the *amende honorable* so far as we can.

We want to get fourteen thousand more subscribers before the beginning of next year. There are congregations, not a few, some of them large congregations, who do not take a single copy of the RECORD. And there are a great many who might double or treble their orders, and yet not have a copy for each family. If the ministers and kirk-sessions of the church only say the word, the thing will be done.

We have had enough of excitement and debate. Now we must begin to work *systematically and earnestly*. The circumstances of the church demand personal consecration not only from every minister and elder, but from every man and woman who professes to belong to it. "Forgetting the things which are behind" may we be found "pressing forward to those things which are before us." Now is the time to plan the winter campaign: so that when September brings our stragglers home from sea-shore and summer glade, there

may be nothing wanting but to turn on the steam.

BRANTFORD LADIES COLLEGE.

"The commencement" exercises in connection with this Institution were initiated on Sabbath evening, June 25th, when the valedictory sermon to the graduating class was preached by the Rev. Dr. Cochrane, President of the Faculty. The concluding exercises and presentation of prizes took place on the Tuesday evening following, in presence of a large assemblage of interested spectators. There were 22 young ladies in the graduating class. Rev. Dr. Topp, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, paid a high tribute to the promoters of the College for their exertions in the cause of female education, and expressed his admiration with the equipment of this Institution and its adaptation to carry out the purpose for which it was founded.

Principal Snodgrass of Queen's College, Kingston, Dr. Waters, of St. John, N.B., and others addressed the audience. Dr. Kemp then made the announcement that the College re-opens on Thursday 7th Sept.

We believe this to be one of the best conducted and most successful educational Institutions in the country.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

For Clerks names see February.

Montreal, Tuesday, 3rd October 11 a. m.
Wallace, Tuesday, 1st August
Ottawa, Tuesday, 1st August, 3 p. m.
Lindsay, Tuesday, 29th August,
Cobourg, Tuesday, 26th September 10 a. m.
Peterboro, Tuesday, 22nd August, 2 p. m.
Barrie, Tuesday, 29th August, 11 a. m.
Paris, Tuesday, 19th September, 2 p. m.
Stratford, Wednesday, 2nd August, 10 a. m.
Toronto, Tuesday, 5th September 10 a. m.
St. John, N.B., Tuesday, 12th September, 10 a. m.

LITERATURE.

THE PRAIRIE PROVINCE: By J. C. Hamilton, M.A., LL.B.: Belford Brothers, Toronto.

Intending emigrants to Manitoba and the North West, will do well to provide themselves with a copy of this volume, in which Mr. Hamilton describes graphically his own experience of men and things in the Prairie Province. It is a welcome contribution to Canadian literature, and reflects credit on both writer and publisher. Price \$1.00, with maps and illustrations.

From the same Publishers we have "Thomson's Miscellaneous Readings," in