

tlement in this place. Our collection for the Home Mission was £5 15s., which was equally divided between it and the Colportage fund.—Absence from home prevented my attending to the Collection for the Widows' and Orphans' fund on the appointed day; however, we have since contributed our mite (£3 8s) to this object, but it was scarcely in time to appear in the statistical report. I notice this matter, not so much to publish what we have done, as to guard against giving a bad example to any minister or congregation.

Yours truly,

ALEX. McLEAN.

Puslinch, Aug. 11, 1856.

HENRIANA.

Those are wise who learn submission to God from the fatal consequences entailed upon others by their rebellion and obstinacy.

Carnal hearts are often enraged against God, by those very things which ought to convince, and subject them to him.

Cruelty and confidence often meet in persecutors.

Those who are most forward to die are frequently not in the fittest frame for it.

Our case would be sometimes bad indeed, if God should take us at our word, and grant our foolish, passionate requests.

Wherever God's children are, they are still on their Father's ground, so are they still under their Father's eye and care.

The way to reform men's lives, is to renew their hearts.

It is wicked to reproach any for natural infirmities or deformities, for it is reflecting on God who made them so.

Let little children be afraid of speaking wicked words, for God notices what they say. Let them not act, but rather pity any for defects in mind or body.

He can never be a profitable pastor who is either always, or never alone.

Purify the heart, and that will cleanse the hands.

Better be an Israelite skilful in the law, than a Sidonian skilful to hew timber.

All external endowments should be consecrated to the interests of Christ's kingdom.

How much need to pray that God would give peace in our time, because in the time of war the building of the gospel temple goes slowly on.

Let us learn not to envy others in those respects in which they excel us.

What a noble sight it is to see religion kept up in families from one generation to another, especially in the families of the great.

Those who make bargains rashly, soon wish them unmade again.

Those do not lose time who take time to consider.

Providence is so arranged that one country has need of, and is benefited by, another, in order that there may be mutual correspondence and dependence, to the glory of God our common parent.

The gospel church is what God will establish, and what he will strengthen, and what the gates of hell can never prevail against.

Public mercies call for public acknowledgments.

Nothing more effectually reconciles dark dispensations than the comparing together of God's word and works.

Where we are allowed to have pleasure, God must have praise.

We have the best sense of God's mercies when we run up those streams to the fountain of the covenant, and compare what God does, with what He has said.

Sincere intentions to do good shall be graciously approved and accepted by God, though providence prevents our putting them into execution.

They that would find favour with superiors must show them reverence; and be dutiful to those whom they expect to be kind to them.

Whatever power or post men have, they ought to improve to the utmost, to preserve and advance the kingdom of the Messiah.

They who oppose the schemes of the violent and unrighteous, hazard everything.

Good men would do their duty if reminded of it, and those who are thus their remembrancers do them a real kindness.

An oath is too sacred a thing to be forgotten. It is registered in heaven, and if forgotten by man, is remembered by God.

Dying saints ought to be witnesses for God, and to speak of him as they have found him.

We should earnestly desire to prolong useful lives, however it may postpone any advantages of our own.

The best and wisest man in the world desires that his children be better and wiser than he is. Wisdom and goodness is true greatness.

The power of a good prince can be little satisfaction to himself, unless he knows it to be a satisfaction to his people.

Office of Ecclesiastical and Missionary Record, &c.

The Office of the *Record* and of the Schemes of the Church, will now be found in Yonge Street, East side, second door from Richmond Street.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications intended for the *Record* should be in the Editor's hands by the 15th of the month.

The Record.

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"THE RECORD"—CONCLUSION OF TWELFTH VOLUME.

The present number completes the twelfth volume. We purpose printing an extra number of next month's *Record*, being the first number of the thirteenth volume, with the view of supplying new subscribers. The circulation is steadily increasing, though not by any means so rapidly as it might. We have now a circulation of upwards of four thousand, being just a thousand more than the number circulated three years ago. When we compare our position as a Church, with other Presbyterian Churches, we shall find that, in proportion to the number of our families and people, the *Record* is more extensively circulated than the "*Record of the Free Church*," or the "*Record of the Presbyterian Church*" in the United States. Still, it might, and ought to be much more extensively circulated among our members and adherents. Of so great consequence is the information contained in an *Ecclesiastical Record* regarded in the

United Presbyterian Church, that the circulation is free, and forty thousand copies of the "*United Presbyterian Magazine*" are distributed throughout their congregations. Nor is this large free circulation looked on as an expensive matter. It is believed that the expense is more than made up by the increased amount of contributions which are made for the missionary objects of the Church. We feel satisfied that the more generally the intelligence regarding the operations of the Church is diffused, the greater interest will be manifested, and the more liberal will be the contributions of the congregations, and we therefore earnestly invite the co-operation of ministers and elders generally, in seeking to promote the circulation of the *Record*.

The *Record* will be carried on on the same general plan as heretofore—the progress of the Redeemer's kingdom at home and abroad being the great general object kept in view. Contributions from various ministers and members of the Church, will appear from time to time.

As to the form, no change will be made. We are aware that not a few would prefer a different form. But it is found that the present form is the most economical, and at the same time affords the largest space for reading matter.

Our printer tells us that he will have a font of new type for the new volume.

We would remind all our friends that the *Record* is intended to be carried on on the system of *prepayment*. Many subscribers appear to forget this, while there are some who allow themselves to be in arrears for several years.—This should not be the case. And we earnestly request all subscribers to pay either to the Agent in their own congregation, or directly to this office.

COLLECTION FOR BUXTON MISSION AND SYNOD FUND.

The collection in behalf of the Buxton Mission and Synod Fund will be made at the usual time, viz., on the third Sabbath of the present month. Of course, if circumstances render it inexpedient to take up the collection on the day mentioned, it should not be omitted, but taken up on the first Sabbath that may be convenient. We have to express an earnest hope that the collection will be general, and that in each congregation it will be liberal. At the close of the last financial year there was a small balance against the fund, and of course it is in rather a more unfavorable position now. But we trust that the collection will be sufficiently large to pay off all debt, and carry on the ordinary operations until next Synod.

The Buxton Mission is well entitled to the generous support of the Church. It was at first an experiment, but its success is no longer problematical. Under the able, prudent, and faithful management of the Rev. Mr. King, it has prospered, almost as much as its most sanguine friends could have anticipated. There are now two schools, a male and a female. During the past year there have been enrolled, in both schools, one hundred and thirty, while the average attendance is fifty-eight. Several are study-