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"IF I FORGET THEE, O JERUSALEM! LET MY RIGHT HAND FORGET ITS CUNNING."—Ps. 137: 5.

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Now is the time for Agents, Elders, Ministers and others interested in the *Record*, to aid us in increasing our circulation. If this important matter be left over, and it unfortunately has heretofore been left, it will result, as it has heretofore resulted, in the neglect of the effort so necessary, at the close of a year, to increase our numbers for the next. We do not wish to point out, particularly, localities in which the circulation of the *Record* is miserably small considering the number of adherents to the Church of Scotland, as such might be understood in an invidious sense; nevertheless, there are such localities within the bounds of the Synod. If we were to mention one such, we would in fairness have to mention all; but as they are very numerous, we refrain. This fact of itself shows the field there is still for increase. Not that we desire an increase from pecuniary motives, for, when all subscribers pay in, we will be able to square up at the end of the year satisfactorily, but from a sense of duty. It is a fact which we have noticed from time to time, that, wherever

the Church is thriving, there the *Record* is widely circulated, and wherever our circulation is small, there the Church is unhealthy. Therefore, in the interests of the Church we advocate the enlargement of the numbers of our readers. We hope, therefore, that the cause of the *Record* and the cause of the Church will hereafter be identified more than heretofore, and that Elders and Agents, who have no doubt the interests of Zion at heart, will sympathise with us when we say that one of the best means of propagating the life of the Church is by means of a general circulation of the *Record*. For it is impossible to make intelligent churchmen without a knowledge of the Church's work, and such knowledge can be obtained only by means of our pages. It is to be hoped, therefore, that in the large and wealthy city congregations the circulation will increase in proportion to the reported increase of these congregations. We hope, also, that our country congregations will see that next year finds them with much more numerous subscribers than the past year leaves them with.