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The "Record" for 1870.

It is now time to begin arranging lists of subscribers for the coming year. Hitherto our large circulation has been mainly due to the exertions of ministers in bringing the *Record* before their people and urging them to subscribe to it, and to read it.—Elders, and public spirited young men and women, have also aided very materially.—Some instances come before us from time to time of ministers, and other agents, having actually to pay the money out of their own pockets for delinquent subscribers!—There are few kinds of swindling more discreditable than this. Any one guilty of it should be ashamed to hear himself called, an honest man, or to look an honest man in the face. He cannot be a Presbyterian, he cannot be a christian, he cannot be a good member of society. Reader, if by any possibility you have neglected or forgotten to pay for your copy of the *Record* hasten to make good your promise and repair your character!

We must appeal to ministers to make a special effort on behalf of the *Record* for 1870. A copy should be in every family. This would interest all our people in our home missions, foreign missions, supplementary fund, and all the other funds and enterprises of the church. The *Record* contains more reading than any other similar periodical of the same price. We are persuaded that it is worth its price, and on this ground alone it can be recommended to our people. But its great value is in making the people acquainted with the work of the church at home and abroad.—

But the work of circulating the *Record* should not be left to ministers alone: let them lead, and let Elders, Sabbath school teachers and other friends of the cause of Christ follow. The *Record* should have a circulation of ten thousand copies. A determined and united effort on the part of the friends of the church would secure this within the next three months. Shall we try? Is it not worth while? We are persuaded that financially, ecclesiastically, and religiously the benefit would be immense.

A more particular statement of terms for 1870 will be given in our next; but we are anxious that there should be no delay in organizing clubs, in paying up arrears, and in thus preparing the way for a prosperous *Record* year.

The word "ARREARS" should not at all occur in connection with the *Record*. The terms are: Payment in advance. If these terms are departed from the price must be raised and the result cannot fail to prove injurious. Let therefore every occasion be at once removed for our using this ill-sounding word "arrears."

Work for the Church.

No work is so sure to pay well as work for the church of Christ. You may toil for mere human institutions but they are changeful, and sooner or later they pass away. By a life of toil a man may write his name upon the sands of time; but the rising tide of events will wipe out his mark-