

PROSPECTUS OF

THE THIRD VOLUME.

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With this present number of the *Record* closes the second Vol., and with it the labours of another year. We cannot remind our numerous Subscribers of this fact, without acknowledging the debt of gratitude we owe them for the support which the *Record* has experienced ever since its commencement. We would not, however, conceal the difficulties we have had to contend with in issuing the *Record* in the form at first adopted, and which has been latterly slightly altered. Previous to that alteration many complaints were received regarding the high and varying rate of postage charged by different Postmasters ; this has, perhaps, annoyed our Subscribers more than anything else connected with the *Record*, at least so far as known to us. It was with the view of removing this just, but on our part unavoidable, cause of complaint, that we made our last alteration in the appearance of the *Record*, printing the cover on one sheet. By this change we were given to understand that it would come under the usual newspaper postage, which would have removed all uncertainty and variation in the postage, each number being charged *one halfpenny*, and no more, but in this we have been again disappointed.

In order, therefore, to bring this publication, so important in its object, within the limits of the half-penny postage, and also for the purpose of extending its sphere of usefulness, we have determined, with the advice of several friends, to publish it in a new form ; and, in doing so, we earnestly solicit the hearty co-operation of the whole body of Sabbath School Teachers and Superintendents in procuring for the *Sabbath School Missionary Record* a wider and more extended circulation than it has yet obtained.