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TO THE KIRK-SESSION OF _____

The Committee of the *Missionary Record* of the Free Church of Nova Scotia beg to inform you that they have resolved, at the commencement of 1854, to make several alterations on the form, the mode of circulation, and the objects of that periodical, in the hope that it will thereby be rendered still more useful, as the official organ of the Church.

It is well known that the *Record* has heretofore been mainly devoted to the communicating of intelligence regarding the operations of the Church in this Province, as well as regarding the purely missionary proceedings of the Parent Church. It is intended, henceforward, to widen considerably the range of subjects, and, in addition to all local intelligence, to make it the vehicle of recording all the ecclesiastical and missionary operations of the Free Church of Scotland at home, abroad, and in the Colonies, as well as of the sister Churches in England and Ireland; to give not only interesting and important extracts, but, generally speaking, condensed outlines of these operations, and, as occasion may offer, to furnish original articles of a more strictly devotional character, adapted to the peculiar aspects and circumstances of the times; and, in accordance with this enlarged plan, that the periodical be designated, *The Ecclesiastical and Missionary Record of the Free Church of Nova Scotia*.

The *Record* has heretofore labored under no small disadvantage, as the official organ of the Church, in consequence of not receiving the local intelligence of the proceedings of the various congregations, Presbyteries, &c., that might have been expected. This may have arisen,

to a certain extent, at least, from its not being so well known, or so widely circulated, amongst the adherents of the Church, as it ought. With the view of endeavoring to remove this impediment to its usefulness, it has been proposed that each Kirk-Session engage to take a certain number of copies for distribution throughout its own congregation at the reduced rate of 1s. 10½d. per annum—the number of each issue taken to be proportionate to the size of the congregation, and the funds for the payment of the same to be raised by the Kirk-Session, as it may deem most suitable.

By this arrangement, the Committee feel confident that a much wider circulation will be secured, that a stronger desire will be manifested for transmitting all local intelligence connected with our Zion, and thus will the probability be held out of its being ere long self-sustaining, instead of a burden on the other funds of the Church.

In these circumstances, the Committee would earnestly solicit the Kirk-Session of _____ to take the whole matter into its most serious consideration, and to inform the Committee, with as little delay as possible, of the number of copies that will be required.

It is, of course, understood that the above proposal will not at all interfere with parties taking single copies, and who may desire to continue the same. These will be forwarded as heretofore, at the reduced price of 1s. 10½d., though, in all cases, that price must be paid in advance.

All communications to be addressed to James Liddell, Esq.

By order of the Committee,

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