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## TO OUR READERS.

At the close of our first volume, we may with advantage, repeat some sentiments uttered in our first number, regarding the importance of securing an extensive circulation for the organ of the Church. It has been our ardent desire that it should find its way into every Presbyterian family. We have spent much time in issuing it and in promoting its circulation, and we are willing to spend yet more. Let every minister and elder, every leal-hearted Presbyterian, whether man or woman, boy or girl, do as some hundreds have already done, and then we shall be all right so far as our periodical is concerned.

Think of the important tidings which these pages convey from month to month! Alas—too important and thrilling at times! What Presbyterian should remain in ignorance of the doings of his own beloved Church, and of the blessings or the chastisements God may please to deal out to her? Many of our Ministers and Congregations have done nobly, and have scarcely left any room for improvement; but other very large congregations are still sadly behind. It is notorious that the congregations in which the Record is most extensively read, abound most in love and good works, thus exhibiting their faith in Christ.

When therefore you receive the present number of the *Record*, or turn up the volume, endeavour to induce your neighbours to invest each his HALF DOLLAR in it, and to study in its pages what the Lord is saying in His Providence to the Church he has purchased with His blood. You will thus strengthen the Church to which you belong, and promote your own and your neighbour's welfare.