

The Monthly Record.

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Circulation of the RECORD. The number of copies of the RECORD taken last year and this year are as follows:

Stellarton 85 copies in 1879, & 80 in 1880.			
Westville 100	"	"	81
New Glasgow &			
S. River 121	"	"	127
Rogers Hill 83	"	"	86
C. John & T. River	"	"	25
Pictou Town	"	"	75
Other districts in St.			
Andrews Con. 51	"	"	55
Earltown 29	"	"	30
Falls 17	"	"	17
W. B. R. John 28	"	"	42
Saltsprings 69	"	"	67
McLennan's Mt. 46	"	"	46
South River 16	"	"	16
Barney's River 52	"	"	48
Glenalpin 6	"	"	5
E. B. E. River 56	"	"	56
River John 50	"	"	50
Gareloch 48	"	"	52
W. B. E. River 44	"	"	44
C. Breton 43	"	"	40
Fisher's Grant 21	"	"	23
Ont. & Quebec 21	"	"	22
Vale Colliery 16	"	"	23
P. E. Island 11	"	"	102
Spring Hill 8	"	"	22
Other Places 8	"	"	17

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It will be seen by the above that our circulation has increased during the year. Prince Edward Island has come well to the front and now takes one hundred and two copies. We have reason to hope that Gareloch will take a large number additional next year. We have now an order for fifteen extra copies from a section of that congregation for the coming year. Our readers will also notice that by the above column they are able to gauge the relative intelligence and wealth of each congregation, at least to some extent.

In connection with the publication of the RECORD we trust our readers will pardon us if we speak of a somewhat

personal matter. Circumstances compel us to speak out. Of our twelve hundred subscribers, but four hundred odd have paid their subscription this year. When this number reaches our readers, our convener will have paid about ninety dollars out of his own pocket to the publisher for this year's publication. Our bargain with the printer necessitates this. Unfortunately our Convener is not a millionaire. As Editor we appeal on his behalf. It is not our business to extol his virtues;—but surely we should not strain them too much. We are quite well aware that some,—indeed we might say many,—of our agents pay a considerable number of subscriptions out of their own pockets—and we are ever grateful for their liberality and trouble. We trust they will help us now.

Last year a few of our subscribers and we are proud to say they were few indeed neglected to pay us anything. We trust they and their families have derived benefit from the perusal of our pages. If not we have lost our money and our pains; and our labour has indeed been in vain.

On the 6th inst., a meeting of the committee on the Supplementing Fund was held in Pictou. Mr. Dunn acted as chairman. The Hon. James Fraser and other leading laymen, among whom we were pleased to notice R. Simpson Esq. Westville, took part in the discussion. The fund now amounts to nearly three thousand dollars. A strong effort will be made to enlarge it. The strong enthusiasm of the laymen present, augurs well for the success of the scheme. Scotland schemes of this nature are speedily enriched by numerous legacies. Many persons prefer to aid the cause of religion by liberal bequests, rather than leave a superfluity to those who have enough already; and who would only be subject to temptations from luxury and idleness by receiving more.

Our RECORD is now self-supporting. Its circulation is increasing. We are bold to say that no other monthly paper is more carefully read.

Our aim is to keep our readers acquainted with the work of our churches and to interest them in the cause.