

TO OUR READERS.

The *Record* appears this month, for the first time, in a new Dress. It wants its usual Coloured Cover, and our readers thereby gain four pages additional reading matter. The present is a "Specimen" number, and as the size of paper is not altered, it will be a matter of indifference to those who bind their numbers at the end of the year, whether we henceforth publish our little magazine in this present form, or revert to its former one. In either case, the numbers will equally well admit of being bound up at the close of the volume. We are aware that some may not consider the change any improvement, and we think it but right to state the reasons which have induced us to propose it. They are these:—

1st. Although the circulation of the *Record* has by no means decreased, we find that the receipts are not sufficient to pay the expenses of its publication, more especially this year, since each number has been illustrated by a woodcut. We mention this, to stir up our friends generally to increase our circulation. In these circumstances, finding that dispensing with a coloured cover materially diminishes the expense, we have thought it right to endeavour to do so.

2d. By this method, printing on one entire sheet, we shall be able in all cases to despatch the *Record* by post, at the rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ d per copy.

3rd. By this arrangement, whilst the outside pages will be occupied with interesting advertisements, these will, in binding up the Numbers, be cut away, and still the reader will have the advantage of four pages more letter press than at present.

We shall be glad to have the ideas of our correspondents as to the propriety of the change.

Since the above was in type, we have been compelled, in addition to the changes then contemplated, to dispense with the usual Wood-cut—from the difficulty we experience in obtaining them. Our last number was sent out without a new cut—and the present number has been delayed beyond its time, and even after waiting thus long, we are now obliged to issue it without one. For these reasons we have resolved to discontinue our woodcuts until we can effect the importation of a few from the London Religious Tract Society in the spring, when we will be able not only to give more of them, but also, we trust, of a superior class,