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The readers of the *Record* will observe that the present number concludes the second volume. The attention of the Committee has been directed to the improvement of the *Record*, both externally, as well as in regard to its contents, with the view of making it increasingly useful and interesting.

As to external form, the Committee have it in contemplation to issue the *Record* in a colored cover, thus improving its appearance, and at the same time considerably enlarging the space for reading matter.

In regard to the contents of the *Record*, an effort will be made, by excluding or shortening matter in some departments, to make more room for articles bearing on the progress and work of the church, for missionary intelligence, and for interesting selections from the religious literature of the day.

While those in charge of the *Record* cannot make up or invent intelligence with reference to the missionary work of the church, either in our own more immediate field, or in our more distant fields, all efforts will be used, by corresponding with Presbyteries, &c., to obtain information as to the missions of the church, and especially as to the new mission ground which is calling for the attention of the church in various quarters. Efforts will also be used to obtain original articles from ministers and office-bearers of the church in various localities. Promises of aid in this respect have been received from not a few.

To sustain and extend the circulation of the *Record*, the active coöperation of Presbyteries, Sessions, ministers and office-bearers is required. It is hoped that this coöperation will be granted, and that in every congregation and mission station an effort will be made to extend the circulation. Where there is no agent, one should be appointed, who will with zeal and promptness attend to the matter. Where there is not diligence on the part of the agent, arrears invariably accumulate, and the number of subscribers will gradually lessen. The amount of arrears at present due is very large. It is hoped that those who have been receiving the *Record* for the past years, will now remit the amount. Honesty requires this, and without prompt payment, such a publication cannot be carried on without embarrassment. The contemplated alterations will add to the expense. It is hoped, however, that this will be made up by a more extended circulation, and more punctual payments.

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