TO THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA, WITH THEIR PASTORS AND DEACONS:

DEAR BRETHREN,—The Directors of the Congregational Publishing Company, impressed with the important service which the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT newspaper can render you in your work, locally, as individual churches, and also in the larger fellowship of the churches as a denomination, appeal to you for continued and increased support.

The CANADIAN INDEPENDENT is maintained to explain and defend the distinctive principles of the Body, and to serve as a medium of communication among the churches, that each may know what the others are doing in their several spheres of labour, that the strong may help the weak, the vigorous encourage the struggling. That this may be efficiently done, pastors and deacons should systematically communicate church news to the Editor, and the members subscribe to the paper and pay for it in advance. The subscription is kept at the nominal price of one dollar per annum, that the paper may reach every family in the denomination. Thanks are due to many willing workers by whose exertions a most gratifying increase to the list of subscribers was secured during the past year. We anticipate their renewed efforts, and are happy to know that others are now working most energetically that a still larger increase may be obtained in the new year. One pleasing feature of the past is worthy of mention, which is, that in several cases where NEW causes have been begun, the friends have made it a first object, that with the planting of the churches, the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT shall be introduced, to the families associating themselves together in church fellowship—a wise arrangement, the far reaching influence of which for good will be felt in the future. Were friends in other fields which though begun years ago, are still in a feeble condition, to go and do likewise, the probabilities are that prosperity would be secured.

It is not too much to say that the churches ought to adopt the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT as an institution that is to be cared for, and sustained, as the Missionary Society, the College, and the Provident Fund in both its branches, should be cared for and sustained.

Brethren, let us earnestly urge that each church immediately appoint a canvasser, to care for the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT'S interests, within the bounds of the congregation, by obtaining new subscribers, collecting subscriptions as they become due, noting changes of residence, irregularities in receiving the paper, and, generally, taking advantage of opportunities as they may occur for securing the hearty support of all who can thus be reached. A deacon might be charged with a general oversight of this work. Expenses for postages and money orders may be deducted from collections so made. Subscribers ought to remit at once, as although the individual amount may be small, yet the aggregate is important. Specimen copies will be supplied on application, to introduce the paper where it may not be already known.

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In regard to the editorial management of the paper for the coming year, as already announced in the paper, the Directors have been successful in securing the services of Mr. H. J. Clark, who has undertaken the office of Editor-in-chief, without salary, for the year 1880. We bespeak for him the hearty co-operation of the pastors and other church officers.

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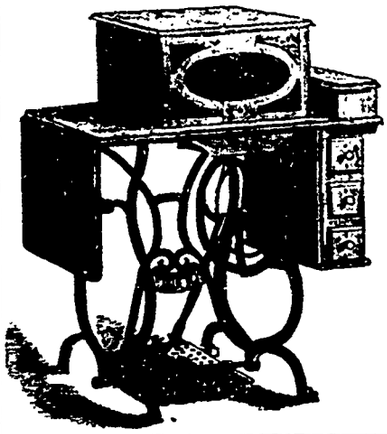

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