

THE CHURCH AND HER PERIODICAL.

In sending forth our first number, we feel it to be our duty to endeavour to have it as generally taken as possible. By immediate efforts, following the receipt of this number on the part of the ministers and elders of the Presbyterian Church through these Lower Colonies, few families would remain without a copy of the *Home and Foreign Record* of their own Church; and if we are anxious that these efforts should be made *extensively and promptly* within the present month, our anxiety rests upon the honest conviction, that all families receiving it will be *gainers*, and that the congregations taking it in largest numbers, will, other things being equal, enjoy the *largest share of prosperity*. The regular perusal of the letters of our missionaries, and especially of our Foreign Missionaries from their posts of toil and danger, of the proceedings of our Mission Boards, of the action of our Presbyteries, and of the progress of our Students and Seminaries, with articles designed, by the Divine blessing, to promote the interests of godliness, must prove powerfully influential in the development of private and public spirit. No family or social circle will study without benefit, our record of the activity, liberality and self-denial of men of God who are labouring in the cause of truth and righteousness.

At all seasons it is not only *inexcusable*, but *perilous*, for any Church or congregation either to become or to remain indifferent about the interests of Zion. Personal and domestic religion must decline among a people who cease to regard Jerusalem above their chief joy. But surely the *present times* present features which should arouse every Christian family to inquire, Watchman! what of the night? and to order at least one religious periodical that they may mark the indications of the approaching fall of the great Eastern and Western Impostures, and the gratifying evidences of the activity and progress of Evangelical Christianity. We firmly believe that by keeping up acquaintance with the schemes of the Church at home, and with the difficulties and encouragements, the reverses and the successes of our brethren and hundreds of others abroad, who occupy the high places of the field, the monthly visits of our *Record* will exert a *hallowing and reviving influence* upon the old and the young, upon the pastor and upon his flock. We therefore earnestly bespeak for it a *place in every domestic circle*. Let there be even an approach to this, and while its usefulness will be great, it will be raised at once above all pecuniary difficulties. We will anticipate an early and a favourable response.

Halifax, December 31st, 1860.

PROSPECTUS.

Notice Regarding Periodicals.

The Publication Committee of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Pro-

vinces have now to announce their arrangements for 1861. Instead of the *Instructor* and *Register* of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, and the *Ecclesiastical and Missionary Record* of the Free Church, one monthly periodical will be issued after the first of January, to be called

The Home and Foreign Record of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces.

This publication will be in octavo form, containing 32 pages—just double the size of the *Register* or *Record*. It will be the medium through which the various Boards and Committees of Synod will communicate with the Church. Monies received for missionary or educational purposes will be acknowledged in it; but the feature that must render it peculiarly attractive and important will be the Correspondence of our Foreign Missionaries.

THE HOME AND FOREIGN RECORD will be under the control of the Committee; the editorial management will be entrusted to Mr. Robert Murray, and it will be published at Halifax by Mr. James Barnes

TERMS.

Single copies, 60 cents (3s) each. Any one remitting One Dollar will be entitled to a single copy for two years.

Five copies and upwards, to one address, 50 cents (2s. 6d) per copy.

For every ten copies ordered to one address an additional copy will be sent free.

These terms are so low that the Committee must insist on payment in advance. The January number of the *Home and Foreign Record* will be sent to all the agents for the *Register* and *Record*; but, after that number, none will be sent unless the money is forwarded, or the agent becomes personally responsible for its payment within three months if in Nova Scotia Proper, or within six months if in Cape Breton, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick or Newfoundland.

All ministers of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces and others who have acted as agents for either of the late publications, are requested to continue their services and to forward their orders without delay, that we may know how many copies it may be necessary to print. As the Church is deeply interested in the extensive circulation of the *Record* we trust that no effort will be spared to introduce it into every household in our connexion. There is none so poor but can pay for it and none so well informed but may be benefited by reading it. *The prosperity of the Church will depend in no small measure on the circulation of her official organ.*

Orders may be addressed to the Editor or the Publisher. Owing to recent postal regulations it is necessary that all correspondence should be prepaid; but agents ordering and sending payment for a number of copies may deduct the postage from their remittance.

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