

Bathurst - - - - -	14
Dalhousie - - - - -	22
Campbelltown, &c. - - - - -	34
New Richmond - - - - -	5
Total - - - - -	75
*Middle River and Baddeck, C. B. - - - - -	10
Broad Cove and Margaree - - - - -	7
Rev. Mr. Fraser's Mission - - - - -	44
Total - - - - -	61

Many of the items in the above table are exceedingly instructive ; but instead of pointing the moral, we shall leave each of our readers to do so for himself. Nearly one-fifth of the *Records* taken in Pictou Presbytery are sent to New Glasgow congregation ; and nearly one-half of those taken in St. John, N. B. Presbytery are sent to Mr. Caie's new congregation. If any mistakes have been made in the tables, they were unavoidable, and will be rectified at once on their being pointed out.

When we compare our present circulation with what a little effort in a dozen localities would make it, we feel ourselves behind hand and sluggish as a church. But when we compare it with the circulation of the *Canada Presbyterian*, the organ of our church in Quebec and Ontario, as we find it stated in the February number of that periodical, we cannot help congratulating ourselves even on our present condition. We are actually ahead of them, though they have nearly four times the number of our congregations. Their circulation is only 1466, and of these, too, 157 are on the free list. It would seem that they have suffered from increasing the size and the price ; for in 1859 their issue was 2500.

The *Presbyterian* is a well conducted church periodical, and we cannot understand why its circulation should be so miserably small. Even in Montreal—the city where it is published, a city of four times the population of Halifax, its circulation is not 50 copies more than that of our *Record* in Halifax. The Presbytery of Montreal returns about 1700 families as directly connected with the church ; and we consider that these alone should absorb the present issue. However, our business is with our own *Record*. In point of literary merit we have no reason to be ashamed of it. Taking the average for a year, we find that at least nine-tenths of its contents consist of original matter. If our ministers and intelligent laymen would only take the trouble of sending us church news and occasional short articles, there would be more interest felt in it by our readers because of the greater variety. But in the meantime, what we ask for, is, an increased circulation, until at any rate we can depend on 2000.

LETTER FROM REV. C. M. GRANT.

CALCUTTA, DEC. 27TH, 1869

To the Editor of the *Record* :—

I HAVE a host of things to write about this time, and very little time to write them. Since I sent off my last for you, we have passed through the great annual festival of India—the Doorga Poojah, a festival in honor of Doorga, the wife of Mahadeva or Shiva, and I wish to give some account of it ; also, I have had a trip away up to, and into, the Himalayas, and I wish to say something about what I saw ; and now, Christmas and the Duke of Edinburgh have come, and Calcutta is blooming in artificial beauty, resonant of music, and thundering