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"IF I FORGET THEE, O JERUSALEM! LET MY RIGHT HAND FORGET ITS CUNNING."—Ps. 137: 5

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As the *Record* makes its New Year's calls dressed in a new suit, it is hoped that its external appearance will secure a favorable reception from its patrons.

The improved appearance has not increased the expense of publication; and, although postage has now to be paid in advance, subscribers will receive it at the same rate as formerly.

The only reward the *Record* committee look for, is to see their efforts so far appreciated as to secure the hearty coöperation of ministers and laymen, in making the *Record*, what it ought to be, a faithful index of the Church we represent in all its labours and interests.

The Union of the Synods of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick having greatly enlarged the field of labour, it is desirable that harmony, uniformity, and concentration of effort should direct all the movements of the Church as a body. This can only be secured by a thorough knowledge of what is wanted, and what is being done in the different Churches, and by free discussion of the best means for securing a common object.

There is no lack of talent in the united Synod, but to make that talent available for the general good it becomes necessary to have a common medium of communication. To meet these wants the *Record* is published. And it must be evident from experience and observation, that a well-conducted periodical, in this age of reading and general intelligence, has become a necessity of every denomination in the Christian Church.

The reports of missionary labour in the more destitute districts of the home field—the great Sunday School question—seasons of revival—prayer-meetings, and kindred themes, should be presented in the *Record* from month to month.

Ministers would find their hearts encouraged by more frequent interchange of views on the great work of the Church.

May it not, then, be hoped, that by infusing new energy into the *Record*, a new impulse may be given to the Church in which we are called to labour, and that, with God's blessing upon our efforts, we may see this work prospering?

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