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## SABBATH EVENING AT HOME.

When Sabbath bells have ceased their sound,  
And the hours of day are passed,  
And twilight draws her curtain round,  
And shadows gather fast—  
There is one spot, and one alone,  
Round which our hearts must cling,  
And fondest memories, one by one,  
Their choicest treasures bring.

That spot is home, its sacred walls  
Admit no discord then;  
Nor crowded marts, nor festive halls,  
Nor gayest haunts of men,  
Can know a joy so sweet and pure—  
Nor such to them is given;  
Might joys like these for aye endure,  
This earth were quite a heaven.

Home's well-loved group! Its Sabbath song,  
Its tones I love to hear;  
Though borne full many a league along,  
They come distinct and clear.  
O Sabbath night! O treasured home!  
Fond pride of memory's train—  
And thoughts of you, where'er I roam,  
Shall bring my youth again.

## Synodical Collections for the Current Year.

1. For French Canadian Missionary Society,  
3rd Sabbath in July.
2. Buxton Mission and Synod Fund, 3rd Sabbath  
in October.
3. Foreign Missions of the Free Church, 3rd  
Sabbath in January.
4. Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, 3rd  
Sabbath in April.

### PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

The Presbytery of Cobourg will meet in Cobourg on the second Tuesday of August, (10th) at 12 o'clock. Members will please be present.

J. W. SMITH, *Pres. Clerk.*

### PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

The Presbytery of Kingston is appointed to meet at Picton on the second Wednesday of August, at 10 o'clock. A. M.

WILLIAM GREGG, *Pres. Clerk.*

### PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The Presbytery of London will meet in St. Andrew's Church, London, on the second Wednesday, 11th August, at ten o'clock, A. M.

### PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The next ordinary meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto will be held in the Divinity Hall of Knox's College, on the first Wednesday of September, at 11 o'clock, a. m. T. WIGHTMAN, *Pres. Clerk.*

### PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery has been postponed from the first Wednesday of August till Wednesday the 1st of Sept., then to convene at 10 o'clock, a. m., in the Vestry of Coté Street Church. D. FRASER, *Pres. Clerk.*

[FOR THE RECORD.]

### IS THE RECORD SELF-SUPPORTING?

To touch on money matters, especially in a periodical like this, may be thought, by some, to savour too much of a worldly spirit; such an opinion, however, seems to originate rather in prejudice than in principle. In enforcing moral obligation, it may frequently be necessary to refer to matters in which it is involved; and, surely, this may be done in a right spirit, in matters involving pecuniary engagements. Permit me to refer, briefly, to the moral obligation to pay for our *Record*. So far as I am acquainted with the state of accounts connected with it, I am led to believe that a considerable proportion of the readers pay regularly; but, from the tenor of last report, it appears that, while its circulation has been extending, the payments have been less, during the last year, than the preceding. The plain inference to be drawn from this, is, that several readers either don't pay at all, or do not pay regularly. It is hoped none may be offended at my suggesting some considerations why all should pay as regularly as convenient.

In the first place, there is no paid agency for securing punctual payments, or for collecting arrears; neither can the *Record* afford to pay for such agency.

Ministers and others who act as agents, might probably be more particular than they are in pressing this matter on the attention of the readers of the *Record*: but, it is too delicate a subject for ministers to do much in this way, at least without special instructions from the agency Committee.

In reply to the question heading these remarks, it may be said that, in one sense, the *Record* is

self-supporting; but, in another sense, it is not so by any means. I believe the proceeds now pay all charges, except the Editor's (or, more strictly speaking, our Agent's) salary. Now, this last it ought to do ere it can be held to be self-supporting: nay, moreover, it is presumed that if all the present readers were to pay regularly, the Agent's salary might all be paid out of the *Record* fund; so that the other funds of our Church would be relieved from the present necessary charge made upon them.

I presume I only express the sentiments of the readers, generally, when I say that our *Record* is worth the money. It is steadily improving in the matter and variety of its contents; and why should not the payments improve also?

If any should feel offended at these few plain remarks, permit me, Mr. Editor, to assure them that nothing is farther from the intention of

A CONSTANT READER.

We gladly give insertion to the preceding communication. The subject to which it refers calls for some remarks. The circulation of the *Record* has not come up to the reasonable expectations which we entertained on assuming its management, although we have a respectable and still increasing list. The most serious deficiency is in the payments. The very low price of the *Record* makes it a matter of so small consequence, that many forget it altogether. The arrears would, no doubt, be greatly reduced by sending out collectors. This step, however, would not greatly benefit the funds, after paying expenses. It is by the exertions of unpaid agents that we have got on thus far. Were the interests of the *Record* generally attended to, in all the congregations, the state of things indicated in our correspondent's letter, would be easily attained. At its present rate, the income should pay all the outlay of publication and expenses for agency of the Church. We are persuaded that the adoption of the cash system would be of great advantage, in a pecuniary point of view; but, it would reduce the circulation, and thus, to some extent, frustrate one of the main designs of its projectors, viz.: the diffusion of Ecclesiastical, Missionary, and other useful intelligence among the people.

We have only to reiterate an oft-repeated opinion, on this subject: that it should be understood, in every congregation, and at every Mission Station, that at least one individual would receive monies for the *Record*, and attend to its interests. Ministers should, as much as possible, be relieved from attending to this, as well as other pecuniary matters: but we would expect the Office-bearers of the Church to see that the duty is not neglected.