sure from the pressure under which they groan by affording them a season of relaxation, and innocent enjoyment during the week, and not on the Sallath All admit that they need some leisure for relaxation. But why should this be taken from the Lord's day, rather than from the six days which God hath given us, that in them we may " labour and do all our works ?" If certain classes are too meessantly engaged in toil, and deprived even of the means of physical enjoyment, would it not be the most natural way, to try to heal this morbal state of things, and to ease the pressure of secular work, so that all might be enabled to have necessary relaxation, and yet be able to " remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy."

We rejoice to observe the considerable progross that has already been made in the movement which has been originated for the purpose of giving to the various classes of the employed, a holiday, or a half-holiday, on Saturday. Not a few extensive works, both in Scotland and England have adopted this system, and so far as experience goes, the result has been most beneficial. We hope it will be, in course of time, universally acted on, convinced as we are that the practice would tend very much to promote the observance of the Sabbath, and the real good of all parties concerned, copployers and employed alıke.

Several other grounds of thankfulness and of hope in reference to the Sabbath might be mennoned; especially the vigorous attempts lately made to check the sale of intoxicating drinks on the Sabbath day; and the efforts to reach the masses who do not repair to the house of God, by out-door preaching. Much good, we believe, has already resulted to the cause of Sabbath observance from these movements.

The preceding observations have of course reference to the state of the Sabbath on the other side of the Atlantic. We are, however, deeply interested in the state of the matter there; for assuredly there will be a sympathy between us and the old country in regard to a question like this. If the barriers that protect the sanctity of the Sabbath in Britain are broken down, we shall soon feet the force of the tide of ungodliness and immorably. If, on the other hand, there is an improved state of feeling and of practico in regard to the Sabbath, we may hope that the improvement will reach us. Amongst ourselves there is much which should engage the prayers and hearty co-operation of the friends of the Sabbath. If happily we have few if any Sabbath trains, still steamboats in many cases run on the Sabbath, Post-office labour is still continued, and both in town and country there is a large amount of Sabbath desecration. Let all who love the Sabbath, strive together by their prayers and efforts to lessen the amount of this crying evil, and to promote throughout the contmunty, the observance of the day which God had set apar, for hunself,

We would invite special attention to the advertisement (in our present issue) of Dr. Reid's History of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. It embraces the progress of the Reformation in Ireland, and the settlement and consolidation of Presbytery from the accession of James First. The work of Dr. Reid has acquired the highest reputation as a work of literary merit.

We would also invite attention to Dr. Wilson's book on the Baptist Controversy. He has settled the question of Infant Baptism most triumphantly -having followed Dr. Carson through al! his arguments, as well as over his boasted territory of unexplored hermeneuties, and has shown that Dr. Carson is not in every case the most ingenuous of controversalists. The press has spoken in the highest terms of Dr. Wilson's work.

## THE RECORD.

This number concludes the 10th volume. Tho publisher returns thanks to the numerous friends in various parts of the country, who have taken a kind interest in this periodical, and have acted as agents in their respective neighborhoods. He seeks a continuance of such disinterested and yealous services, and would urge on ministers and sessions the duty of adopting systematical measures to promote the circulation of the Record, believing that its increased circulation would tend to deepen the interest felt by our people in the progress of the Gospel, both at home and abroad. It would be exceedingly desirable to have an active and zealous agent in each congregation. The Sy and has from time to time recommended Presbyteries and Sessions to adopt means to increase the circulation of the Record among our people. But we apprehend that, like some other recommendations, it has not been by any means so generally attended to as might have been expected. With a view to promote the circulation, and to facilitate the transmission of subscriptions, the Record will be supplied during the ensuing year of its publication on the following terms, viz:

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Subscribers are earnestly requested to make payment of arrears now due.

## TOKENS OF ESTEEM.

REV. R. IRVINE .-- On Wednesday evening, 23rd August, a deputation of teachers from George Street Church Sabbath School, Toronto, wanted on the Rev. R. Irvine, late paster of that congregation, and President of the Sabbath School, at Alderman Carr's, and presented him with a handsome edition of Fullerton's Illustrious Englishmen, in sixteen vols.

A number of the ladies of the congregation, also presented him with a handsome piece of Silver Plate, with an appropriate inscription.

REV. JOHN McLACHLAN OF ACTON AND BOSTON.

church, have recently presented their Pastor, the Rev John McLachlan, with the sum of £19 5s. in consideration of the present high prices. This small congregation, consisting of only thirty families, in addition to this handsome donation, make up one half of the Minister's supend with the greatest punctuality, and contribute liberally to all the missionary schemes of the Church. Such Christian liberality is worthy of imitation.

REV. G. CHEYNE OF SALTFLEHT AND BINnnook .- The congregation of Salifleet and Binbrook, considering the feeble state of health under which their esteemed Pastor, the Rev. George Cheyne, has been labouring for some time, presented him with the sum of £20, with the view of his being enabled to repair for a short time to the sea coast, for the purpose of recruiting his health and strength. It is to be hoped that this worthy minister will return, by the blessing of God, benefited and invigorated for his usual labours.

REV. JOSEPH ALEXANDER, OF NORVAL .- A denutation from the congregations of Union and Norval lately waited on their Pastor, the Rev. Joseph Alexander, and presented him with a neat and substantial carriage and harness. The ladies of the congregation at the same time presented him with a purse of £10, for the purpose of purchasing Buffalo robes, &c. These tokons of attachment cannot but be encouraging to a faithful minister.

## UNITED PRESBYTERIAN AND FREE CHURCHES.

Wo understand that the United Presbyterian Synod's Committee on Union met at Toronto on the 30th August, and adopted the following motion, viz:

" That the Committee having read the Deed of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, relative to the union with the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, dated 17th June last, and having conversed some time thereon,

Resolved, I .- That the committee express their continued cordial approval of the Resolutions of the United Presbyterian Synod in Canada respecting union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada under date 8th June last; and in particular their approval of the second of said Resolutions, in which it is set forth,— That there are in the judgment of the Synod no sufficient reasons for this Church and the Presbyterian Church of Canada continuing in a state of separation; and that many great and obvious advantages might be expected, under the Divme blessing, to result from their uniting on sound and scriptural principles.

H. That the Committee deeply regret, to find themselves precluded, by the terms and purport of the above cited Deed of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, from taking any steps, at present, towards the accomplishment of the Union in question.

III. That the Committee adjourn sine die: and that a copy of these Resolutions, together with a respectful letter from the Chairman, be transmitted to the Convener of the Committee named in the aforesaid Deed of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada."

Without presuming to sit in judgment on the decision of our friends, we regret that no meeting of the two Committees is to take place. We are of opinion that good might have resulted -We understand that the congregation of Boston | from such a meeting. The members of the Com-