

### THE RECORD—NEW VOLUME.

Our readers will observe that this number completes the 12th<sup>th</sup> volume. With the new volume some changes will be introduced in accordance with the instructions of last Assembly. The principal change will be the dispensing with the coloured cover, so as to reduce the expense without materially lessening the amount of reading matter.

Under the new arrangement the terms will be the following: Single copies per annum, including postage, 55 cents; for a dozen, at the rate of 40 cents each, or \$4.80 per annum; for 100 and upwards, 25 cents each. It will be understood that these terms apply to parcels going to one address, WITHOUT BEING SEPARATELY ADDRESSED. Where the RECORDS have to be separately addressed, although sent in one parcel, the rate will be 50 cents each. Special attention is called to these terms.

One object of the General Assembly in the changes recommended was to promote the circulation of the RECORD, and thus give as wide a circulation as possible to all information on the subject of the Missionary work of the Church; and also to induce Sessions and Congregations to order the RECORD in quantities, and not leave it to individuals to subscribe separately. We urge this matter on the attention of the Ministers, Sessions, and Congregations. An agent (in some congregations, where there are several post offices, more than one may be required) should be appointed in every congregation to receive and distribute its monthly parcel of RECORDS. Where two or more congregations are contiguous, it would be quite allowable to join together, so as to obtain a supply at the cheapest rate.

Payment is understood to be either in advance, or within the first three months.

SUBSCRIBERS IN ARREARS FOR PAST YEARS ARE REQUESTED TO PAY PROMPTLY.

### HOME MISSION FUND.

The last General Assembly appointed collections to be taken up in aid of Home Missions, in all the congregations and Mission Stations of the Church (save where Missionary associations are in operation) on the third Sabbath of December.

In view of the importance of the Home Mission scheme, as regards the prosperity and growth of our Church at large, and the unusually pressing demands made upon the funds at the present time, the Committee have deemed it advisable to present a brief statement of the fields embraced, and the sum required to carry on the work, entrusted to their care.

There is great reason for gratitude to Almighty God, for the steady growth of our Home Mission work, and the numerous indications everywhere apparent, that the efforts of our Missionaries and the generosity of our people, have been so largely blessed in recent years. In 1862, the year after the union of the two bodies which now compose the Canada Presbyterian Church, the total number of missionaries, probationers and students was 44; while the number reported to last Assembly is 104. The amount of contributions for 1862 was \$4,614 23 while those of 1873 reached the sum of \$19,022 63. This amount is still very far below, what should be given by the membership of a Church so strong numerically and financially, and very far from the sums given by other evangelical denominations in Canada for the same object. Nevertheless, it shows an increasing interest in the work and encourages the hope, that if our congregations are only regularly and fully informed of our progress and obligations, they will give