

essor from our Church to the present staff of the Theological Hall."

The Committee wait to receive some authoritative intimation of the details of the arrangement with your Synod, or the Home Mission Board, in which these negotiations resulted. They think it due to the sister Church, no less than to themselves, to wait for these details.

In the prospect, too, of all their own responsibilities in this matter, the Committee will be glad to learn, from your Home Mission Board, to what extent they can rely, for its Professor to be sent to Halifax, upon the full sympathy and united support of our people in the Maritime Provinces.

I am

Ever yours truly,  
ROBERT H. MUIR,  
Convener of Colonial Committee.

To the Rev. G. M. Grant, Halifax.

#### NOTICE.

To take action on the foregoing letter, to determine the amounts requiring to be drawn from Colonial Committee for half year ending 1st Feb. 1875, to arrange concerning Catechists and distribution of missionaries, and to do the usual semi-annual business, a meeting of the Home Mission Board will be held in St. Paul's Church, Truro, on Friday, Jan. 8th, at 11 A. M.

Congregations requiring supplement must send in their applications before the date of meeting. Presbytery Clerks are requested to notify the Convener of the action of Presbyteries with regard to supplemented charges within their bounds.

G. M. GRANT,  
Convener H. M. Board.

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#### THE ORGAN OF THE UNITED CHURCH.

*The Australian Witness* and *Presbyterian Herald* is the title of a weekly paper published under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales. From its pages we have made a few extracts which we have no doubt will be interesting to our readers. The Church whose organ it professedly is, is such a Church as "The Church of Canada" will be after Union is accomplished; and it is our decided opinion that such a periodical should take the place, with ourselves, of the multitude of

*Monthly Records* with which we have heretofore been favored. It has always been a disadvantage, under which we felt ourselves to have laboured, that our issue was at far too long an interval—a whole month. We have felt this for many reasons; but, from the fact that we were a small Church, it had to be continued as it was and as it still continues to be. In the event of Union, however, we hope we shall be able to combine our energies so that a weekly readable family paper, such as the *Australian Witness*, will come forth and be readily supported by our people. As it is, there is in the disunited Churches what combinedly would form such a periodical as we refer to. There are four Churches negotiating Union, each with its official organ.

There is our own *Monthly Record*; the P. C. L. P. has its: the Church of Scotland in Canada has its vigorous and widely-circulated *Presbyterian*: and the Canada Presbyterian Church has one of its own—perhaps the most widely circulated of the whole. These taken together and combined could be issued weekly, much to the advantage of the Church and of the cause of Presbyterianism.

We take the liberty of throwing out those hints at the present time because we have seen no attention drawn to this important matter heretofore. In the estimation of our people, there is great importance attaching to it; for they have felt, till perhaps very lately, that, however much they might appreciate existing weekly Presbyterian papers, their feelings and special Church sympathies were not represented in any one of them. It was supposed by many of our people that, on the whole, the good in the Church of Scotland and her Branches was not noticed with sufficient prominence, and that the errors and the faults were made considerably more prominent than there was any particular occasion for. Instances might be given, but it is not at all necessary. Memories, on the whole, are good.

And so we do not think that any one of the existing weekly papers with a Presbyterian aim and name will be made the organ of the United Church. It is time, therefore, that the matter should be seriously considered, and pre-