

professional services, "gratuitously." This offer the committee have accepted thankfully, in the hope that ere long they may be relieved from pecuniary embarrassment and have it in their power to "do justly" by their editor. The limited circulation of the *Presbyterian* is little creditable to us as a Church, and is in itself a very humbling consideration, but, perhaps it is one of which it does not become us to say much by way of complaint. But the committee do complain of the large proportion of unpaid subscriptions, which yearly enter into the computation of their "assets."

Frequent and loud have been the expressions of dissatisfaction of late in respect of irregularity in dispatching the *Presbyterian*; many of its readers asserting that they never see the publication before the tenth of the month, and sometimes even the fifteenth. They ask with some show of reason, "can nothing be done to remedy this?" "who is to blame?" "If the fault lies with the publishers, why not put it into other hands?" What other printer, we might ask in reply, would do for us what Mr. Lovell has done, or would even undertake to print the *Presbyterian* for us at all with a full knowledge of the facts before him? Had it not been for Mr. Lovell's leniency, and more, his extreme liberality, the *Presbyterian* had ceased to exist long ago. Time and again has our publisher written off from his just account sums so large as put the committee fairly to the blush. At the present moment, for it is best to tell the whole truth, we owe him \$1000, and our only hope of being able to discharge that indebtedness is based on the expectation of receiving what is due to us in the shape of arrears. This being the case, occasional irregularity need not be greatly wondered at. Nevertheless we promise on our own behalf, as well as on behalf of the publisher, that efforts shall be made to secure a better-timed delivery of our magazine in the future; at the same time we take the liberty of stating that the real remedy lies after all with the subscribers themselves. Let the publishing committee first have the means given to them of meeting their engagements, and then they will be prepared to accept the entire responsibility, but, so long as their hands remain tied it cannot reasonably be expected that they shall have the power to work much reformation, nor, indeed, much heart to attempt it.

We learn that an agreement has been made between a Committee of the Synod and a highly respectable Insurance Company, which is likely to prove very beneficial to both the contracting parties. The conditions are simply these:—The Queen Insurance Company of Liverpool and London, agrees to insure in the office of the Company in Montreal all the insurable property of our Church, which may be offered and tendered for insurance, at the same rates as are charged by other first class English insurance companies on like risks, and further agrees to pay over to the Temporalities Board (in trust) for the use and benefit of the Church and College, yearly, during the continuance of this agreement, thirty per centum of all the premiums of insurance received by the said company. The Synod's Committee being held bound to use all its influence and give its best exertions to have all the insurable property of the Church, that is to say, all churches, manses, colleges, together with the insurable property belonging to ministers or other members of the Church, such as houses, household furniture, libraries of books, and so forth, insured in this Company.

As a similar arrangement was come to some years ago with the conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, it may be presumed that the Insurance Company, at all events, are satisfied that this agreement will tend to their advantage, and sure we are that when the matter receives the careful consideration of the office bearers of our Church it will commend itself to them not only as a wise and prudent thing, but a "golden opportunity" that should in no wise be overlooked, without taking into account the private property of ministers or other members of the Church. We have insured Church property to the value of at least \$750,000. Supposing this to be all insured in the Queen Insurance Company, and taking one per cent as the average rate, we have the sum of \$7,500 to represent the annual premiums paid to the company, and \$2,250 as the amount which the company, under this agreement, would be held bound to pay over to the Temporalities Board for the benefit of the Church at large. A very valuable consideration, we should say. That so much "found money" involving no sacrifice, and scarcely an effort, beyond that of picking it up, should be placed within our reach seems almost too good