

NOTICE TO AGENTS.

Our agents will notice by the Report of the RECORD Committee that next year the price will be twenty five cents instead of thirty as hitherto. No copy can be given gratis. Single copies must be charged for as formerly, fifty cents.

We trust our readers will not suffer the RECORD to go down. Perhaps Kirk sessions would interest themselves in the matter.

The committee have given notice that unless a sufficient number of copies are ordered and paid in advance by the fifteenth day of January next, they must cease publication.

OUR OWN CHURCH.

St. Luke's Congregation, Salt Springs, presented a call to the Rev. Mr. Gray, licentiate, Ont. Mr. Gray, whose health is at present but indifferent, has not as yet signified his intention regarding the call.

NEW GLASGOW.—St. Andrew's congregation is still vacant. This congregation has always been to the front in considerateness to its pastors, and liberality towards the schemes of the church. We hope and trust that soon they may cease to be as "sheep without a shepherd." The Kirk congregations at Vale Colliery and Sutherland's River are rejoicing in sharing the services of Rev. A. J. McKichan with the good people of Barney's River.

St. Paul's congregation E. R., is making a strong effort to shake off the debt incurred in the purchase of a Manse and Glebe. We hope it (*i. e.* the debt) will be as dead by 31st December as the year 1878.

OTHER CHURCHES.

The Rev. J. M. Sutherland, formerly of Pictou Presbytery, demitted the charge of Pugwash.

Rev. David Neish, also of the Kirk formerly demitted the charge of N. Cornwallis.

A VERY seasonable gift in the shape of a web of blankets has been presented by Mrs. Galbraith, Hopewell Manse, by ladies of West Branch congregation longing to Lorne, West Branch Waterville. Mr. and Mrs. Galbraith take this opportunity of thanking them for their kindness.

NOTES OF THE MONTH.

The most interesting event of the month to us, was the safe arrival after a stormy passage, and the enthusiastic reception of the Marquis of Lorne, Princess Louise, the amiable and accomplished daughter of our beloved Queen. Halifax did its best to do honor on this occasion, and succeeded nobly. The city on the night of the 26th was as limely beautiful. The Vice-regal party could not fail to see in the welcome extended to them unmi-takable loyalty to the Queen's throne and person. We were delighted to learn that His Excellency and Her Royal Highness Princess Louise arrived in Ottawa without accident, and are deservedly winning golden opinions from all classes of their subjects. The Marquis of Lorne attended divine service in Rev. Gavin Lang's Church, Montreal. That was as it should be, considering that he is a Kirk of Scotland man.

THE NEWS.—The Afghan war is being pushed with great vigour, and the Afghans are fleeing in disorder. The enemy to be dreaded by the British is winter in a wildly mountainous country, the most difficult of access. To conquer the country is possible, but to hold it is difficult and dangerous and very expensive. It is said that the Ameer is moving towards Herat and the Persian frontier. Parliament will meet in a few days and then the Government will be able to explain fully its reasons for carrying on this war.—It is stated that Russia is about to use all her influence on behalf of Afghanistan. She protests against any British advance in the direction of endangering Russian interests. The air is full of rumours and reports that await confirmation or denial.