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"IF I FORGET THEE, O JERUSALEM! LET MY RIGHT HAND FORGET ITS CUNNING."—PS. 137: 8.

CIRCULATION OF THE "RECORD."

THE RECORD for 1869 paid itself. We are not in debt for 1869. Let that year be marked with a white stone by every one who remembers how the Synod Fund used to be half eaten up, and how, besides, Members of Synod had to contribute personally, to make up the deficit of the *Record*. The little periodical was a necessity, but it was beginning to be felt as a burden. And our pleasure at learning that it is to be so no more is increased when we think that in 1869 we had to pay postage for the first time on it, and that this was an additional cost of over \$50. The *Record* is now in the sixteenth year of its existence, and we believe that there are some good Kirkmen who have received it for the greater part of that time without paying a penny for it. No wonder that others had to pay. But now "we have changed all that." Having got so far, the question irresistibly suggests itself, "could not we get a little further?" Is it not possible to have a balance to the good of one or two hundred dollars to pay an Editor, or for a contribution to our Synod Fund? And the answer is, that we could have all that and more, if our circulation were 2000 instead of less than 1500. Have we any right to look for such a result? A glance at the following tables may suggest the answer, as they show where the circulation is smallest in proportion to the number of our adherents and congregations:—

	Estimated Kirk Population.	Number of Con- gregations.	No. of Records taken.
Pictou Presbytery- - - -	13,000	12	546
Halifax do. - - - -	3,000	5	311
Prince Edward Island do. - -	10,000	5	179
St. John, N. B. do. - - - -	4,500	7	179
Miramichi do. - - - -	3,500	3	80
Restigouche do- - - -	3,000	4	75
Cape Breton - - - -	3,000	3	61
Single subscribers all over the world and exchanges - - -			64
Total number of Records taken - - - -			1495