

their inroads. No missionary has yet entered this land, but a strange call for help, and intimation of readiness to receive the truth, has come from it. A number of the people happened to be in a frontier town, and went to hear the preaching of a Baptist missionary, who was on a visit. They went back, not forgetting what they had heard, but brooding over it, and asking guidance from any one who seemed able to help them. At length they went down to Assam, and found another missionary, by whom they were farther taught and baptised. They have gone home, carrying in their hearts precious seed, and now, through them, the land of the Garrows seems to cry to Christian churches, "Come over and help us!"

**BURMAH.**—The American Baptist Mission report gives some very interesting figures with regard to past and present work in Burmah. The number of Baptisms last year in connection with this mission was 395 (on an average more than seven every Sunday). Of these 243 were baptised during the first six months. The total number of communicants in this district is now 6270, and the total Christian population is 13,000.

**CHINA.**—This is one of the most recent fields opened to missionary enterprise, and when we take a broad view there is none more important. Last year there were 102 missionaries stationed amid the immense population, which is more than double that of our Indian empire. Of these only 44 were from Great Britain; and of these again only one, we think, is sent by a Scottish society. The Independents have 12, and the English Presbyterians have now 10.

### To the Readers of the Record.

In looking forward to the commencement of a New Year, the *Record* Committee are anxious to impress upon the friends of the Church the importance of keeping up and considerably increasing the circulation of the *Record*. Of course, strictly speaking, the circulation should equal the number of families within the bounds of the two Synods; that is to say, leaving New Brunswick out of view altogether, we should circulate somewhere about 3000 copies yearly within the bounds of the Synod of Nova Scotia and P. E. Island alone. As it is, we do not circulate the half of this number. Now, making every allowance for the difference between the theory and the actual accomplishment, we should at least have, for every 60 families, 40 *Records*,—for every 100 families, between 60 and 70, and for our 3000 families 3000 *Records*. In order that every reader may be aroused to earnestness in this matter, we wish to call attention to an excellent article, from the pen of the Rev. Simon McGregor, that appeared in the No. for February, 1865, and we ask that the concise and clear

statements there made be carefully weighed. Read on, if you have that No. in your possession, till you come to the following sentence: "Such arrears can be traced to a variety of causes, among which a *forgetfulness of the proper time of payment* is among the most prominent." There stop, and join with me in the remark, "that's a fact—that's the most common cause;" and add your approval of the following sentence: "much of the success and prosperity of the *Record* depends upon that which, to each individual, is a very small matter—the payment of 2s. 6d. or 3s. 1½d. at the proper time." Here, then, we take up the matter. We offer to remove this seemingly trivial, yet really disastrous obstacle. We urge upon every minister, elder, agent, and every individual who is willing to give the slightest push to the wheel, to see that the following is done:—On or before the 20th December, send, cause to be sent, or assist in sending, to Mr. Jack, Pictou, 4 dollar for each person who is going to take the *Record* for 1867. If there are 60 families in the congregation or section, send 40 half-dollars = 20 dollars = £5; if 75 families, send 50 half-dollars, and so on. We do not, in the meantime, ask more. You cannot well do less. Apart altogether from the superintendence and pushing of ministers and agents, almost any individual could make up \$5 from 10 subscribers. Get their half-dollars. Forward the 5 dollar note, and the thing is done. You have no more trouble with the matter. You save these 10 persons the uncomfortable feeling of taking a paper they have not as yet paid for, and the unnecessary task of paying 7½d additional, and watching for the next 12 months for a chance to send their 3s. 1½d. to Pictou, or to the nearest agent. And you save, besides, all the grumbling about some paying 2s. 6d. and other 3s. 1½d. We don't want the 3s. 1½d. We would rather have the even sum of 2s. 6d. Only it must be at the proper time, and in company with as many more as will make up a \$5 note.

Let this appeal be attended to, as far as the remotest borders of New Brunswick. Should it not reach some till nearly the middle of the month, we will wait for their remittances till the 31st of December. Be assured we would much rather have attention to this matter now, than your generous, but what ought to be unnecessary, gift from your Synod Fund.

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Convener.

### New Brunswick.

#### Presentation to Rev. Dr. Brooke.

(On the 20th November a Committee of the Ladies, members of Saint Paul's Church Congregation, Fredericton, N. B., waited upon the Rev. Dr. Brooke, at the Manse; and presented him with a very elegant Pulpit Gown,