

organ of the Church, by offering it for one year at half its subscription price. The other half could be paid out of Session Fund or by a collection taken for the purpose. This plan has been carried out in some congregations, and parties have afterwards become regular subscribers.

2nd. Our Catechists and Probationers, when visiting mission stations or new fields, should also bring the claims of the *Record* before the people and endeavor to form clubs.

A PASTOR.

PATAGONIA.

Notwithstanding the great zeal manifested by the Christian Church at the present day in the mission enterprise, much land yet remains to be possessed. Large portions of the continents, and many of the isles of the sea, have not yet been explored by the missionaries of the cross, and myriads are worshipping gods of their own workmanship, knowing nothing of the one living and true God. The statement of Dr. Duff that the Church has only been playing at missions, is fully verified by ample facts, which can easily be produced. In order, then, that our zeal may be stirred up, it is well that we should know something of the vast field spread out before us, and of the large number of the earth's population still wallowing in the mire of heathenism. We glance at the Continent of North America, and whilst a good deal has been done to evangelize the heathen dwelling within her borders, yet a great work remains to be done. In South America again, no extensive missionary effort has as yet been put forth, and thousands are perishing for lack of knowledge.

A few years ago a number of Christian men, feeling that something should be done for the evangelization of South America, formed a missionary Society for the purpose of prosecuting work in that land. In various posts missionaries have been planted and are faithfully sowing the good seed, looking to the Master for the increase. Whilst in the northern and central parts of the Continent stations have been planted,

DISESTABLISHMENT IN SCOTLAND.

The Disestablishment question has become a living issue in Scotland. The abolition of Patronage led many in connection with the Established Church to hope that there would now be no difficulty in reconstituting the National Church. A meeting of the Free Church Commission was convened which pronounced decisively against the continued existence of the connection between the State and any one denomination. A special meeting of the United Presbyterian Synod was held which resulted in similar action. Large public meetings have been held in the leading cities in favor of disconnecting Church and State, and the United Presbyterian and Free Church people make common cause in the movement. Their view is that the removal of Patronage has really made the Presbyterianism of Scotland free, and that there cannot be a united Church of Scotland until they are separate from the State. On the other hand a strong and enthusiastic movement is going on in support of the connection between the Church of Scotland and the State. Dr. Begg and others in the Free Church give all their aid to the cause of the latter movement.

CIRCULATION OF THE RECORD.

TWO SUGGESTIONS.

In many of our congregations there are persons who do not feel able to subscribe for the *Record*. Others again, through indifference, or never having its claims presented to them, do not take it, and hence know little of what the Church is doing. It is in both of these cases might do much to promote the circulation of the