

## OUR CIRCULATION.

We are thankful to say that our circulation has largely increased since our last issue. Many ministers and others have exerted themselves with great diligence on behalf of the *Record*, and with excellent effect. Still there are extensive districts from which no order has yet been received, and large congregations which receive only a few copies. This will never do! You with whom the responsibility lies, we entreat respectfully, but most earnestly, to lose no time in exerting your influence on our behalf. The *Record* is as cheap as any publication of the same kind and of the same size in America. Several correspondents whose opinions are worthy of great respect have suggested that the *Record* ought to have a coloured cover, and that the edges should be cut. The objection to the first proposal is that it would add very materially to the expense of the periodical. Those who are not initiated in the mysteries of the trade can scarcely realize the fact that a cover would be so expensive. Then, as to cutting the edges, it is but a matter of taste. Most people prefer them uncut and untrimmed; and farther, the edges will be cut by the bookbinder when he binds the whole volume, and the margin could not well stand two cuttings.

We can still supply back numbers to any new subscribers. It is desirable that all should pay in advance. **WE MUST HAVE NO BAD DEBTS.**

## MONTHLY SUMMARY.

**PATTERSON'S LIFE OF DR. MCGREGOR.**—We take the following well-merited notice of the **LIFE OF DR. MCGREGOR** from the February number of the *Record* of the Free Church of Scotland:—

"This was no ordinary man, and the work he did was not of a common kind. He was the apostle of British American evangelisation. The perils, labours, and successes that marked his career as the pioneer of the gospel in these then almost heathen colonies, are here interestingly told. The notices of the social and religious condition of the early settlers are of great value. Not less valuable are the letters, essays, and discourses that accompany the memoir. As he shew Dr Macgregor to have been a man of enlarged understanding, and a master in theology. We have read nothing on American slavery more exhaustive and trenchant than Dr Macgregor's letter on that subject."

The Sustentation Fund of the Free Church of Scotland, from 15th May 1860 to 15th January 1861, amounts to £69,778—being an increase of £2,605 over the corresponding period of last year.

**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS AND THE NATIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION IN IRELAND.**—The Roman Catholic Bishops are about to issue a manifesto prohibiting clerical patrons of Roman Catholic schools from sending their

teachers to any of the model or training schools in connexion with the National Board, and also declaring that Roman Catholic patrons will not employ in any literary capacity pupils, monitors, pupil-teachers, or teachers who may enter any of those institutions after the date of such prohibition. Some of the Roman Catholic prelates have, in fact, already promulgated this edict within their respective dioceses.

**THE PRIESTS' PROTECTION SOCIETY.**—The committee of this Dublin Society have just published their fourteenth annual address. A note at the close states that the fourfold object of this Society is, first, to protect priests who abandon the apostacy of Rome for the faith of the Gospel; second, to protect and educate young men originally intended for the priesthood in the Romish Church; third, to disseminate throughout the world scriptural and anti-Popish instruction; fourth, to reform priests throughout Great Britain and Ireland, and foreign countries. Thirty-three reformed priests and forty-two reformed Romish students have received aid and protection. The Society has also issued 826,741 copies of scriptural and anti-Popish publications.

The Rev. Dr. Robertson, of Glasgow, died lately in the 26th year of his ministry. He will be remembered by most of our readers as an able deputy from the U. P. Church, Scotland, to this Province. As one result of his visit we have a "History of the Mission of the Secession Church to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island," which was published by Johnstone, of Edinburgh, in 1847. Dr. Robertson was a successful pastor and an able writer.

**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA.—THE UNITED CHURCH AND THE FREE CHURCH MINORITY.**—We observe from the *Melbourne Christian Times*, just received, that at the last General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, the Act by which several ministers and elders were expelled in 1837 has been rescinded, in order to a reconciliation of the parties at variance. It would appear, however, that this step is not likely to secure the object aimed at, for in the same paper we observe that the minority, after receiving a communication and extract minute of the Assembly's resolution, have declined further negotiations on the subject, holding that the principles of the Free Church are not covered by the basis of union. Professor GIBSON of Glasgow has given notice in the Presbytery that he will move an overture to the General Assembly, praying to recognize the Victoria minority. In the Presbytery of Edinburgh, Principal CUNNINGHAM said he had been requested by Dr. Candlish to give notice of his intention to move that the Presbytery overture the Assembly as follows: "That the Assembly adhere to the position taken up by former Assemblies, particularly those of 1858, 1859, 1860, with reference to the ministers and members of the late Synod of Victoria, now incorporated in