

rich and poor, to get it, and the session would pay something to secure so desirable an end. If we take say 100 copies in one bundle, in order to put a copy monthly in every pew in the Church, what reduction will you make in the price?" Considering this question, and seeing that it involves the whole matter, we answer it now with the following proposal, viz:—"We shall send the *Record* for 1874 to every agent, minister or session *ordering at least 100, at the rate of \$35 per 100,*"—that is, 35 cents a copy, instead of the present price of 60 cents. For all parties ordering less than 100, the old terms remain. We make this proposal early for several reasons—to give time to ministers, sessions, and agents to make their arrangements, and let us know as soon as possible; because also, *payment in advance will be in every case required*; and because, if this proposal is not responded to by a good many congregations, it cannot be carried out.

The *Record* is the organ of the Church, and we therefore ask our fellow-churchmen to consider this proposal in the light of its past history. The old price was 62½ cents, when, too, there was no postage to pay. Then it was a burden on the Church. It ate up the Synod Fund, and notwithstanding that, it had to be kept in life with annual sops of \$4 to \$10 each from the private purses of members of Synod. Now it is self-supporting; and for next year we offer the same *Record* and to pay the postage, at the rate of 35 cents to those who are ready to do something to have its circulation increased. 100 Records for \$35 a year; 120 for \$42; 150 for \$52.50, &c.

One word to those who have not paid for this year yet. We are in debt to the printer, contrary to our agreement with him. Here is our list of arrears:

Halifax Presbytery.....	\$ 80 72
Pictou do .....	145 50
Cape Breton .....	15 50
P. E. I. Presbytery.....	24 60
Miramichi Presbytery.....	61 00
St. John do .....	34 00
Single copies .... .	20 10

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Besides a considerable balance still remaining unpaid from last year.

The sum each one owes is small, but the total comes to something. Do not oblige us to write begging letters, or to publish the names of defaulters. Be so good as send in the amount in postage stamps or butter, if it is inconvenient to send cash. We cannot make arrangements for 1874 if '73 is settled for. The Secretary's address is: "W. G. Pender, 18 Blowers St., Halifax."

The fact that we are so far behind makes it necessary for us to give warning, and we therefore do so in time, that no order for 1874 will be attended to, even if it comes from Baron Rothschild, unless it is accompanied with the money.

We do not estimate our literary productions very highly. Still, we take the liberty of asking agents to read this article, and that our ministers should read it to their Sessions.



## Articles Contributed.

### The Proposed Union.

The question of Union is a most serious one. It is of such vast importance that we may well be afraid to express any opinion on the subject. Our brethren are around us, with their old remembrances and their new political conflicts. Other churches and other nations are watching our past and present advances. The eye of God is upon us from above, and certainly He pleads in His Word "that we all may be one." But still, if the Union produce Division among us, will it not do as much harm as good? I fear that none of us is sufficiently aware of the responsibility of our position and its vast consequences in the far future. I dread that we are all too fatally wise in our own conceits, and that the friends and the foes of Union are, alike, too little humbled and resigned to the will and wisdom of God. If so, then assuredly there are many trials and grievous disappointments awaiting us. Let us repent in time, and humbly enquire, day