

more, measure yourself not by the standard of the niggard hut, rather be ambitious to imitate the generous man. Do not say, look at Gripus, who gives nothing, and has more than I, but rather look at Mr. Manly, whose praise is in the mouth of all, and range yourself under his banner.

How much might be done were every one to act in such a spirit!

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The Record.

The "*Monthly Record*" has now completed the eighth year of its existence, and taking the age of periodicals into consideration, ought how to have reached the years of discretion. Four of these years were spent under the charge of the Rev. Mr. Martin, in Halifax. Other four have now passed away under the tutelage of the Rev. Mr. Pollock, of New Glasgow, for one year, the remainder of the time, under that of the present editor. We trust that many years, and much greater prosperity are in store for us. Hitherto, we have been struggling to make the two ends meet, and not always successfully. May we not dare to hope for better things in future, and ask a bigger and more earnest effort, at the hands of our various congregations, than has been made hitherto? We ask it, not for our own sake, but for the sake of the Church.

We request the active personal assistance of the ministers of the Church. We know that we already have their good wishes, and that they are glad to hear of our increased circulation. But we ask now, each individual minister, to do what he can for us, in his respective congregations. And how may he do it? It has been found that a mere general recommendation from the pulpit, does not effect a great deal. We rather like the plan mentioned by a Parish Minister, as taken by him, to introduce the *Home Record* among his flock. He recommended the *Record* strongly from his pulpit, one Sabbath, after Divine service, and said that the names and subscriptions of such as would like to have it, might be left at the Manse. He waited a fortnight, and the result was *three* names. He thought to himself, this was rather slow work, and since the people did not come to him, he would go to the people. Accordingly he called upon such members of his rural charge, as he thought likely to be induced to take the paper, and the

result was that not three, but forty-three, we think, put down their names, and that, with very little trouble on his part. He expects the best results to flow from the change, and is confident that the subscriptions of his people to the Schemes will be greatly increased, as they will understand what they are giving for. We are aware that a good many of our Clergy, either personally, or through their Sessions, have already done this, with regard to our own Organ, and with marked success. We now ask every minister of the two Synods, to imitate the example of the Scotch minister, and gather as many additional names for us as they can. And we would earnestly request Kirk Sessions and other active and influential friends of our cause, to help us practically, by their individual exertions among the respective congregations, to which they belong.

It may be asked, why so very urgent? We will answer the question: *We are in debt.* Our liabilities exceed our income, and unless we can make the two balance a little better, it will be difficult to go on. If we could add four hundred to our present circulation, we could pay all demands, and would require to ask supplement from no quarter. Surely that is not a great deal to accomplish between Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island. A dozen or fifteen additional names from each congregation would do it all—and surely that would not be very difficult. We are aware that in a few congregations the *Record* is taken by nearly every head of a family, and we cannot expect any great increase there, but in others, scarcely one in ten! ever see it; and these are the fields we are anxious to see cultivated.

We have to thank our Agents for their labours on our behalf, and we continue to trust to their kind exertions.

We hope that a very energetic effort will be made this year to place the affairs of the *Record* on a satisfactory footing, and that measures will be taken immediately, and names and monies forwarded, for the following year.

Our advice to all who take an interest in the *Record*, is: Do not invite the people to come to you—GO TO THE PEOPLE, and a simple familiar explanation will be by far the most effectual and successful plan.

We may mention that we have in contem-