

To four classes especially do we look for help in seeking to make the RECORD useful to the Church. (1.) Our ministers, in using their interest and influence to extend its circulation. In this as in most of the Church's work, much depends upon them. (2.) Our agents, who so faithfully do the plodding, quiet, thankless task of gathering the subscriptions and distributing the papers. To them we look, trusting that they will not grow weary in well doing, but will show, like good Presbyterians, the true perseverance of the saints, by greater zeal as the years pass on. (3.) All who are in any way connected with the more general work of the Church, as Presbytery clerks, Committee officials, to furnish information to the RECORD regarding that work, and thus keep it intelligently before the Church. (4.) Our missionaries in all the foreign fields. On them depends in large measure the interest of the Church in foreign missions. Let them, as they have opportunity, jot down their experiences from day to day, and send them, and make the Church see through their eyes the wants and woes of the heathen world, and they will reap a rich reward. No part of a missionary's time is spent to better purpose than that which he spends in writing to the Church press, of his work. He keeps before the heathen the Gospel he found at home. He must keep before the Church at home the want of Gospel that he finds abroad. Thus, like a living link, he binds the Church to her great work of going into all the world and preaching the Gospel to every creature.

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The RECORD has with this issue been slightly enlarged. This, with heavier paper and change of type, considerably increases its cost for the the current year, and makes it impossible, from its own resources, to furnish it at a nominal rate to a few of the more needy mission stations, as has been done to some extent at times in the past.

The work, however, is a good one, and we take this opportunity of appealing to any who may feel disposed to do so to send us contributions to enable us to aid our home missionaries in this way. It is one of the best ways of doing home mission work. All such contributions will be acknowledged in the columns of the RECORD, and will be carefully appropriated. Do not, please, pass this paragraph over without thinking, and praying, and—giving.

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The last Assembly remitted to Presbyteries to consider the question of a permanent secretary for the Foreign Mission Committee, W. D., and, if in favor of such an appointment, to nominate a man for the position. Mr. Hamilton Cassells, convener of the F. M. Committee, W. D., has written a letter, giving reasons why such an appointment should be made. He urges the growing importance of the work of the committee,

the necessity of some one to have special supervision of the expenditure, the need for furnishing to the Church, through the press, more of detailed information than is now given; the gain in extension of missions that would result from having one who might visit the churches and lay before them the facts of the work, and the need for more of correspondence with the missionaries, than can now be carried on. The letter has been widely published, both east and west. We trust that Presbyters will give the matter their fullest and most careful and prayerful consideration, so that when the matter comes before them in Presbytery they may be able to decide wisely and well.

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We have just received the yearly report of the W. F. M. S. East. The annual meeting was held in Pictou, September 24th and 25th, and its review of work was most encouraging. The society has added during the year twelve Auxiliaries, eleven Mission Bands, and two Young People's Societies, and the whole receipts for the same period have been \$5,595.53. The society is to be congratulated upon the successful year's work, and is looking forward with good cheer to a fresh effort. It will all be needed. The unusually heavy outlay during the present and coming year, for schools in Trinidad, demand greater liberality than ever, but it will, we trust, yield a rich return.

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Among the miracles of modern mission work is the progress of the McAll mission in France. Nor need we wonder at this. It was born of faith and love, and strong rapid growth is just what might be expected. Begun 19 years ago by Mr. McAll and his wife, at their own expense and of their own motion, among the workmen of Paris, in a small room in a poor quarter of the city, it has grown, until to-day it has 134 stations scattered all over France in all the principal cities. Its halls for worship contain over 18,000 sittings, and more than 600 persons are engaged in the work. The report for 1890 shows that for adults there were held 16,111 services, at which the total attendance was 1,237,688. The entire cost of the mission was \$89,563, of which \$33,910 was received from the United States, \$19,909 from England, \$17,762 from Scotland and \$13,340 from France, Switzerland, etc.

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The number of divorces in Prussia reached three thousand a year, or ten a day. The Protestant pastors, rightly alarmed, agreed to refuse to marry those who had been divorced even for adultery. This agreement was made in 1851, with the result, as the *Church Times* of London says, "that applications for divorce fell at once by one-third and have continued to decrease."