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### THIS ISSUE OF THE RECORD.

Owing to events that none could foresee this issue appears the same size as formerly, without the eight additional pages by which it was to have been enlarged.

But the improvement in the quality of the contents makes it of more value than the added pages could otherwise have done. Instead of the customary stale trailing of the Editor's weary quill, it contains, in addition to its rich missionary correspondence, from Pointe-aux-Trembles, India, Honan and Demarara; no less than five able and interesting articles; from men prominent in the work of our Church, and from one whose far and reverent insight into the Holy of Holies of God's Word and Works gives world wide weight and interest to his words, whether of scientific research or of Christian work. Rev. R. G. MacBeth, of Winnipeg writes on Young People's Work in the Church: Drs. Cochrane and Morrison, on Home Missions, East and West: from Dr. Campbell, of Renfrew, comes a powerful paper on Augmentation; while Sir William Dawson gives Jubilee Echoes of the Foreign Mission beginnings of our Church.

Then comes the Appeal from representatives of the missionary societies of Canada and the U. S. A. for a great forward movement, on the eve of the 20th century, to win the world for Christ and truth and right: while two selections, addressed to ministers, tell their duty along two lines of this great movement, viz. preaching to the young where their voice can reach, and raising means to send preachers where they themselves cannot go.

It is the best New Year's table the Record has ever had the means of spreading before its readers. May appetite, digestion, and resulting strength and work, be equal to the fare.

### DIVIDING CHURCH MONIES.

This is the time of year when many congregations and their societies divide and appropriate the monies they have been collecting during the year, and the question is: "how shall this division be made?"

The claims are of two classes; one is, the Schemes of the Church; the other, benevolent objects outside the Church.

With regard to these two classes, the general principle may be laid down, that what we give to other benevolent objects should be given outside these societies, and that all we raise by our Church agencies should be given to the work of the Church.

1. We owe our existence, as congregations, to the Church. When we were few, she sent a missionary to us, established a preaching station and helped our little band until it grew into a self-supporting congregation. And now, when that Church has work in other places, more than she can do, and is depending upon our help; what we raise for mission purposes as a congregation, we should give to aid her in that work.

2. We are ourselves a part of the "Church." What she has undertaken, we have undertaken. Her responsibilities are ours, and each member and congregation is as responsible as any other for all that the Church is doing, and when our work is in need, it is not right to divert our own Church Funds for other purposes.

3. These funds, have been collected for Church work, and many who have given, have done so for that work, and it is not fair that these givings should be diverted to other objects, however worthy.

So far as possible let Church Funds be divided among our Church Schemes, for which we are responsible; and let our help for other deserving objects be given as we are able outside our Church Funds.