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This issue of the RECORD is very rich in the early history of our Church, from New Glasgow to New Westminster. The articles on the pioneers, MacGregor of N.S., McDowall of Ontario, Black of Manitoba, and Jamieson of British Columbia, tell of church planting in English-speaking provinces from sea to sea; while Prof. Campbell's History of French Protestantism gives pictures of Quebec's early days dreamed by few, and calls us to the work of winning back by the Gospel our lost heritage.

Thanks to the fellow-workers, who have kindly helped the RECORD by its distribution. We think the RECORD will be better this year than ever before. Will you not make the circulation larger?

Young Peoples' Societies of every kind, in our Church, should have the Booklets and Topic cards published by the RECORD. Where there are no such societies, congregations or individuals would do a good work by ordering a parcel and distributing them. They cost very little and will do much to promote Bible study among the young. See advertisement on inside back cover. Send for samples.

Try our own S. S. Lesson Helps for 1898. Try them for a year and not merely for three months. A full list is given on the inside back page of this issue. Please note also what is there said as to the ordering of other Lesson Helps.

A NEW YEAR.

The New Year is a fact to all. The "happy" is of choice. It depends not upon the circumstances or surroundings of self, but upon "self" itself; not upon what self has, or where it is, but upon what it is. To one at peace with self and with God, where the inner being, the mind, heart, conscience, will, hopes, aims, are in harmony among themselves, and in harmony with God's mind and will; to one pardoned by Him, reconciled to Him, trusting in Him, there must be happiness under all circumstances; and in proportion as these things obtain, will be the "happy" New Year which the RECORD wishes to all its readers.

The Westminster celebrations have come and gone. Two hundred and fifty years ago, a company, chiefly ministers of the church of England, met in London, at the call of the British Parliament, to draw up a form of worship and a summary of Bible teaching for the use of the people.

A few Scottish ministers were asked to aid them, though not to vote. The work was finished. Part of it was the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms, Larger and Shorter. Parliament approved. The Church of England, however, never adopted these, while the Church of Scotland did; and thus to-day, the Westminster Standards, excepting one or two clauses, such as that relating to the power of the civil magistrate, are those of the Presbyterian Churches of the world.