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Only Five Cents Till the End of the Year.

To any who would like to place the RECORD in every family for the coming year, and who, in order to aid them in this work may wish to have a trial of it for the remainder of this year, it will be sent from August until December, for five cents, in parcels. This is only part of its cost, but it is done to enable those who may wish to introduce it, to do so at small expense.

A History of Our Church.

Rev. Dr. Gregg is publishing a history of the Presbyterian Church in Canada from its earliest beginnings to the present time. It is now in press and will soon be issued. Advance sheets have been received. Full and clear, yet terse and compact, it will have, compressed into small compass, a complete review of the rise and progress of Presbyterianism in Canada. Cheap and of convenient size it will be "everybody's" book, and will, we trust, do much to increase the knowledge of our people regarding their own church, and consequently their attachment to it.

One Thousand Dollars.

This is a good heading for an item when it tells of revenue coming into the Lord's treasury. The daily press states that a Kingstonian has given one thousand dollars to the Foreign Mission Fund. We mention this for a special purpose; not in laudation, for we know not who the donor may be, and the gift may be no larger than many of the dime and dollar offerings that are acknowledged in our columns every month; but to call attention to two important points. *First*, while perhaps not a larger gift proportionately than many others, it is a large sum, and is an example that rich people would do well to follow. While there are noble exceptions, yet as a rule the rich do not give so largely in proportion to their ability as do the poorer, and this is a gener-

ous example that those stewards to whom the Lord has entrusted much would do well to follow. *Secondly*—The donor is wise as well as generous in giving, if able to do so, large sums during life, rather than leaving all that is intended for the Lord's cause to be bequeathed at death; thus evangelizing the world the sooner, enjoying the blessedness of doing good, and helping to stimulate others to go and do likewise. Go to, ye rich men, your wealth is the Lord's. You are His stewards. How are you managing that wealth for Him.

Gifts and Bequests.

While it is true that so far as is possible, men and women should do their own giving during their life time, and thus be their own executors, and not wait until they can keep it no longer, it is also true that bequests should be very much more numerous than they are.

We would call attention to two points: *First*, that giving cannot be all done during life, and *secondly*, that something of what is retained during life should be left to the Lord at death. In support of the first point be it remembered that one's property, money, or estate, is often the only means of support, and as such, must be retained while there is life to support. The second point is a proposition that needs but little proof. If God has entrusted to any, more or less of this world's goods, then, after comfortable and dutiful provision for those who may have good claim upon it, the remainder belongs to the Lord and should be returned to Him in the way of furthering His cause and helping to make the world better. It is no wonder that fortunes all left to families, and relatives who have no need of them, so often prove a curse, for they are misappropriated. They belonged to the Lord and should in some part be returned to Him. Do not forget the Lord while you are a steward. Do not neglect the return, in part at least, of your trust, when giving up your stewardship.