

Will congregations, in making their allocations at the end of the year for the Schemes of the Church, please remember that most of these Schemes need more this year than last. God is honoring our growing strength by giving us a larger share in uplifting the world. The Assembly has instructed that all moneys for the Schemes be remitted to the agents before 28 Feb.

The Century Fund.

The Record has stated and re-stated its objects. The objects are in full in last issue. From farthest East to farthest West comes word of active organization and work in raising the Fund. Let the measure of goodness which the past has brought us be the measure of our giving, and the work will soon be done.

A Disgrace to Canada.

While sad the occasion, the drum beat of war, inspiring is the thrill of patriotism and loyalty which has moved our country. But it is pitiable beyond expression that amid the departure of brave men to the field of strife, the bleeding of home hearts after sore farewells, the tidings of death in battle to friend and foe and of widow and orphan mourning, there should be anywhere depravity and degradation whose measure of scenes tender, pathetic, heroic, and sublime, is the amount of political capital that can be made out of them, and that dares to pollute such scenes with its unholy touch.

The Missing "Presbyterian."

The "Presbyterian Witness," of Halifax, N. S., in its issue of 14 Oct., gives a brief history of the private Presbyterian newspapers of the Dominion, outside the official Magazines and Records. It tells of two that were earliest published in Nova Scotia. It records its own beginning in 1848, and other similar ventures since that time, and from its half century, as the oldest Presbyterian newspaper in the British Empire, it looks with benignant good will upon the Dominion family, of which it is the senior member. It has commendation for the living and a kindly word for the dead, for this family, like most large ones has its vacant chairs. Perhaps it was a lapse of memory that omitted the "Maritime Presbyterian," published in New Glasgow, N.S. for eleven years, 1880 to 1891, with a circulation twice as large as the "Presbyterian Witness" at that time.

Century Fund and The Schemes.

The enthusiasm which greets the Century Fund and bears it onward is very gratifying. Let it not abate till success is assured.

But we should not forget that it is a special, a milestone at the end of the century. The demands for the ordinary church schemes are greater this year than ever before. And this is right. The Church is larger and able to do more and there is

more to be done. Success means opening doors. Home missions are extending as new peoples are pouring in and new settlements forming. Foreign mission work is enlarging as new centres call for the Gospel. The Century Scheme is a grand one, worthy of the great time cycle that it marks. But it will be a sad memorial, if its erection leaves a heritage of debt upon any of our Church Schemes, to handicap the following years. The Century Fund completed, and all the Schemes of Church work out of debt, will be a fitting way to end the old century, and begin the new.

Farewell, "Children's Record."

The publication by our Church of a paper for the young was before the General Assembly in June, 1885, but the matter was left to private enterprise as before. The writer returned home from that Assembly, to New Glasgow, N. S., and started the "Children's Record." Its issue began with January, 1886. It was kindly received in both East and West, soon reached a circulation of about twelve thousand, and continued for five years, paying its own cost and giving about five hundred dollars to the Foreign Mission Fund.

In 1890 the matter was again before the Assembly, and this time it was decided that the Church should publish a paper for the young. A committee was appointed to confer with the publisher of "The Children's Record." The latter was freely given over and placed under the care of the Record Committee, who asked Rev. W. R. Cruikshank, of Montreal, to take charge of it for 1891.

Mr. James Croil, editor of the Record from its first issue in 1876, resigning in 1890, the present editor was appointed. Mr. Cruikshank wishing to be relieved of the Children's Record, it was transferred to the Record office, whence it has issued for the past eight years with an average circulation of nearly twenty-four thousand copies.

In papers for the young the past few years has brought great increase both in demand and supply. Their name is legion. Many of them are weekly. Most of them come from abroad. Often they are not good food for young Canadian citizenship. There is a widespread demand for a complete series of our own, Presbyterian, Canadian.

Last Assembly directed the Record Committee and the S. S. Publishing Committee to confer with a view of meeting in some measure this demand. The result has been that the Children's Record has been transferred to the S. S. Committee to be continued as a weekly paper, while another for younger children is also to be issued. See advertisement on inside back cover.

After fourteen years together, with a gap, of one year, we bid our bairnie good-bye as it goes forth to a new and, we trust, larger sphere of usefulness.