

The Children's Record.

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THE CHILDREN OF THE
Presbyterian Church in Canada.

THE EDITOR'S "GOOD BYE."

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS :

For five years, month by month, we have talked together of many things and I trust not without profit. But our pleasant meetings must come to an end. This is the last time that I will have the pleasure of sending you the CHILDREN'S RECORD, the last time that in its old familiar dress it will greet you and get your pleasant smile of welcome.

But the CHILDREN'S RECORD will not cease to be. It is but taking a step forward, changing its style and going out into a more important place in the world just as you boys and girls will do as you get older. I have tried to care for it in its infancy and now the work passes to other hands. Next year in a bright new dress with pretty pictures and good and pleasant reading it will come to you from Montreal.

Let me tell you how all this came about. In the year 1885 the Sabbath School Committee in its Report asked the General Assembly of our Church "to take such steps as would secure the issuing to the Children of the Church of a Record or other monthly paper." The Assembly after talking the matter over decided that it would not then do so, but would in the meantime leave the young people to choose from the many papers already published.

A few months afterward the CHILDREN'S RECORD came to you and asked you to try it. It promised to give you letters from missionaries, and other things that would be for your profit and you gave it such a warm welcome that it has kept on coming to you ever since, and in larger numbers each year, until there are now nearly twelve thousand copies printed every month. Besides the reading which it promised it has been giving you some pictures, chiefly of life in heathen lands.

The Assembly this year was again asked to publish for the church an illustrated children's paper. They made inquiry about your RECORD and were told that if they wished it, it would be given to them. They agreed to take it and told the Committee that publishes the RECORD for the older people to appoint some one to take charge of your RECORD, and to be ready to send out the first number of the sixth volume at the beginning of the year. So when it comes to you next month you will know that it is no stranger but your own old friend in a new dress, and I trust you will give it a warm welcome.

As you know, all the money received for the CHILDREN'S RECORD after paying for its cost was to be given to Missions. Thus far, after getting itself established, it has paid four hundred dollars into the Foreign Mission Fund and I hope that when all the accounts are squared there will be some more, but I am not sure. The paper was yours and so the money was your gift.

And, now, dear young people—good-bye—which means "God be with you." You are getting older; those of you who were five years old when we first met are now ten. Those who were ten are now fifteen.

Childhood's years are passing o'er you,
Youthful days will soon be done,
Cares and sorrows lie before you,
Hidden dangers, snares unknown.

O may He, who, meek and lowly,
Trode Himself this vale of woe;
Make you His and make you holy,
Guard and guide you while you go.

And if you follow Him, even sorrow will be made easy and care will be made light, for :

"Wisdom's ways are ways of pleasantness
And all her paths are peace."

That you may walk in these paths and help to lead others in the same good, glad way is the prayer of

Your friend,
E. SCOTT.