

## SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR THE YOUNG.

In your last RECORD you were told of the General Assembly which met in Hamilton, June 14-22.

One great thing they did was to start the Century Fund. You know that this year is 1899. Next year will be 1900. That will complete nineteen hundred years, nineteen centuries, of the Christian era, and the year following, 1901, will be the first year of another century, the twentieth century.

The century just closing has brought us great good as a Church and Country, and in thankfulness for these good things we are asked to give a special offering to a special Fund, called the Century Fund.

The Assembly has asked that the Children's Day collection for the next two years be given to this Fund.

There is special reason for this. The next century will be your century. You are beginning life and the most of your life work will be done in the new century. It is a good thing thus to start the century with a special gift to God for giving you your life in a century so full of promise and hope.

But what is the Century Fund for? It is to help all the Schemes of our Church: the Colleges, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, and all the other work that our Church is carrying on. You can ask your parents or teachers to explain to you the particular way in which it is to help. The help proposed is much needed and will do great good, and Children's Day offering cannot be put to a better use.

One thing more, please remember. This Century Fund is not to interfere with what we are doing for missions, as Sabbath Schools and Mission Bands. All this work is going on as usual and will need our help as usual, and the Century Fund is a special one, because the old people want specially to mark their thankfulness to God for the good century that they have lived in, and the young people want to thank him for the better century that they hope to live in.

The future of the world depends in some measure on the next century. The whole of next century depends in some measure upon the first part of it. The first part of it is that in which you young people will have your life and work. Your mark upon that first part will depend upon what kind of men and women you are in your own hearts and lives. Your life work and the new century are beginning near together. Try, with God's help, to mould the young country in its youth, for goodness and for Christ.

## SABBATH SCHOOL CENTURY FUND.

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To the Sabbath School scholars of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The Century Fund Committee are seeking to secure the interest of every member of every Sabbath School throughout the Church. Arrangements have been made with the Sabbath School Committee that a specially attractive programme shall be prepared for Children's Day, which will be held, as usual, in the end of September.

IT WILL BE A CENTURY FUND PROGRAMME.

Vacation days are good days for earning small sums, and earned money is one of the best kinds to give. Acts of self-denial easily swell the store of cents, and this is a splendid way of providing for collections.

Mothers are grand advisers and first-class treasurers in a case like this. Grown up brothers and sisters will remember how they used to plan and work, and you may easily enlist their help.

So it is that the grand army of 160,000 should beat drill for the next two months, and then when the day comes flags will be unfurled and such an assault will be made on the contribution box as will make everybody glad and bring the blessing of God to our Sabbath Schools.

Not many children but will be able to gather ten cents, if only they will remember and work, aye, more than that, and what an inspiration that would give to the church at large.

Children to the front, is the idea; Isaiah's idea—"A little child shall lead them"—Jesus' idea, "He took a little child and set him in the midst;" a right and beautiful idea, for the children of today are to be the men and women, the workers for Christ and the Church, in the twentieth century.

So the Committee can make no mistake in calling to the children and asking them to lead us, and under the care and guidance of parents and teachers, and pastors, to prepare for a great Century Fund demonstration on next Children's Day.

So far we have been writing only about the first Children's Day which will soon be here. But let us all think of it, that there will also be Children's Day in 1900, and then, as must certainly be provided for by next General Assembly, a great Twentieth Century Children's Day, say about the 24th of May, 1901.

It almost takes one's breath away to think of what our 160,000 scholars may succeed in doing in those two coming days.