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**The Record for 1893.** The prospects of the Record are good. Quite a number of congregations have adopted the principle of putting a copy into every home. A minister writes: "We know that it pays for we have tried it." Thanks for the many kindly cheering words that have come. We will be glad to send parcels of the January number free to any who may wish to distribute them as samples with a view to getting more subscribers.

**The Children's Record.** It is the only paper published by our church for the young people of the church. It is the only paper for the young that gives news of our work, letters from our missionaries, etc. It is the only paper for the young, the aim of which is to identify our young people with our own church and train them in its work. Its aim is first to win them to Christ and His service, and secondly, to interest them in the special work of our own church, so that when called upon, in coming years, to take their place in that church, they may neither be ignorant if her work nor indifferent to her welfare. The children of to-day are to be the active workers of our church a few years hence, and their interest and their knowledge will depend upon what they now receive. For these reasons we think that THE CHILDREN'S RECORD should have the preference before other papers for the young, in every Presbyterian family, Sabbath School, and Congregation, in the Dominion. Take other papers if desired, but do not deprive them of their RECORD. It is almost the only way of keeping the young of our church in touch with our great mission fields, our work at Home and abroad. It is having a large circulation, but looks for larger, and though small in size, it feels that its work among the young is rich with promise.

**Annual Reports.** Have been telling of the work done during the year, and in many cases they have a most cheering story to relate. We would gladly publish a summary of them but the church is so large and space so small that only the more general work, chiefly our missions at home and abroad, can be discussed. Let each congregation learn the great truth which its report is intended to teach, whether of encouragement

or warning and carry that lesson into the coming year. Time never stops; one year passes, another immediately follows; and we can never stop in our work, even for moralizing on the past. Let us face the future, determined to make the coming year a better one for Christ and His cause than any that have gone before.

**Love Tokens.** The festal season has brought many tokens of regard to the homes of the pastors throughout the land, gifts of all kinds, conspicuous among which are fur coats, caps, etc., for the long cold drives. When justice is done in the matter of support, and gifts are tokens of appreciation of what the pastor is seeking to do for the welfare of his people, they are very precious because of the love that warms them, and they brighten many a discouraged hour, when the Lord's cause seems to advance slowly. But the appreciation can be shown otherwise than by gifts. By always being in one's place at church and prayer meeting, encouraging and helping as opportunity offers showing that his work is prized, the heart is made glad with a joy that none but a pastor knows.

**Death of Miss Lister.** In another column will be found a letter from Miss Lister, Albemni; a bright hopeful one. Now the sad news comes of her death from pneumonia, on the third of January, after three days illness, aged about forty seven years. Miss Lister was a native of Perth, Ont. An earnest, active, worker in Knox Church there. She had often longed for some kind of mission work abroad, and in September last, under appointment of the Foreign Mission Committee, she joyfully set out to labor among the Pagan Indians at our Albemni mission in B. C. She entered upon her work with great energy and zeal, and, writing to her friends, said she never was so happy in her life. All was bright and hopeful for the new year, when suddenly the hopes fruited far brighter than they promised, and she was called to serve amid the blest. A successor has not yet been appointed but probably there will soon be one as the work is pressing. The Lord promotes one worker and room is made for others in the vacant place. Men and women come and go; doing their little part, but the world's redemption will go steadily on until the great plan is complete.