

**The Record** It seems but a few days since we for 1804. were planning for 1803, and one more issue will complete the year.

A number of congregations, at the beginning of the year, adopted the plan of ordering a copy for each family, and many testimonies have been given as to the satisfactory results of such a course. One great advantage is that the most careless half, who would otherwise know little of our Church work, is reached. In many of these a deeper interest is awakened, they do more, and the investment thus becomes a good one for the congregation, as well as beneficial to the Church at large. It is hoped that many more will try this plan for 1804.

To all who now send in new orders for next year the December issue will be sent free.

Parcels in any quantity will be sent free to all who wish to distribute them as samples.

**The Children's** AS WITH THE PRESBYTERIAN RECORD, so with the *Children's Record*, the year drawing to a close has been the best in its history. The monthly issue of the former has been 50,000 copies; that of the latter 21,000.

At this time of year, when congregations and Sabbath-schools are beginning to plan for their papers for the young for the coming year, the *Children's Record*, in Presbyterian circles, should have the first place.

1. It is the only organ of our own Church, authorized by our General Assembly, for the young.

2. We think that its general reading matter will be found as interesting, and wholesome, and cheap for its quantity, as that of any other paper published for the young.

3. It is the only paper for the young that gives them any information about our own missions or Church work. If we wish them to grow up taking an intelligent interest in these missions, we should, among other things, give them the *Children's Record*.

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**A Governor-** It will not in any way lessen the General cordiality of the welcome which Presbyterian citizens of Canada gave to the new Governor-General and his wife, Lord and Lady Aberdeen, to know that he is a worthy representative of Presbyterianism, an earnest Christian man; and his wife, in every way, a helper true, strong-minded, warm-hearted, whole-souled, active in practical well-doing; both belonging to the "nobility" of heaven as well as of earth; wearers of coronets and heirs to crowns. May they be enabled, by their character, influence, and example, to impress deeply for good both sentiment and life in Canada during their term of residence in our land.

**The Opium** The British Government has appointed a Royal Commission to investigate and report upon the opium traffic in India. The Commission is to take evidence in India. Though Royal Commissions are sometimes merely a pretence, to evade the real issue, yet no pretence can permanently hide a wrong, and this may be viewed as but an additional step in the advance of that righteousness that shall eventually remove from Britain's name and fame the stain that the opium traffic has placed there.

**Intolerance** In the London *Christian* it is in Spain. stated that Don Alexander, a missionary in Spain, has just been condemned, by the court in Gerona, to imprisonment, for three years six months and twenty-one days, and to pay the costs of lawsuits; and all for what; For stating in the Spanish paper, *En Herald*, the organ of the Protestants there, that "the *worshiper* is not the body of Christ and should not be worshipped as such." What an illustration of the toleration of Rome. She demands toleration but does not grant it, and yet she claims to be consistent; for she demands full liberty in Protestant countries, and claims a right to it *because* it is *our* principle, and refuses it in Romish countries *because* it is not her principle.

**Missions in** The hindrances to mission work Turkey in Turkey are very great. The American Board has for some time wished to erect a college at Anatolia, but the authorities, in spite of treaty rights, will not give permission, unless assured that the building will not be used for church or school purposes. At Marsovan, where one of their buildings was burned last winter, the permit to rebuild is withheld. Besides this the missionaries and converts in some of the stations far inland, away from help, have been subjected to severe persecution. One young American lady was cruelly used by robbers, who were thought to be Turkish soldiers, with the connivance of those high in authority. Such is the gratitude of the "Sick Man" for the care and protection of Christian nations, without which he would long ere this have been swept, as an Empire, off the face of the earth.

From Mr. J. W. Costler, a native of Goshen, Ceylon. Guys Co., N.S., writing to his family and friends from Ceylon, where for nearly three years he has been engaged in Christian work, speaks of God's great goodness in prospering the labors of himself and his fellow helpers there. Many have turned from their darkness and sin unto Christ and in that Island where "every prospect pleases, and only man is vile," the words of Christ are coming true, "I if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me," and man, drawn Christward, is becoming more pleasing than of old.