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A NEW CENTURY SCHEME.

It will help, not hinder, the great Scheme on which our church is now working. It is that as many of our congregations as can do so, celebrate the coming year, the closing year of the century, by taking the "Record" for every family.

In addition to the century sentiment there is a special fitness in doing so, as 1900 will be the twenty-fifth year, the semi-jubilee of the Record. Such a forward movement would fittingly celebrate its brief quarter century, and the century of our era.

The following is the resolution of our General Assembly: "As the Presbyterian Record is the organ of our Church, established by the Assembly for the spread of information regarding its Home and Foreign work; ministers, sessions, and managers, are urged to see that so far as is practicable a copy of the "Record" be placed in every Presbyterian family.

There are two methods by which the "Record" may be distributed, either by each family subscribing for it, or by the congregation taking a sufficient number to give one to each family, paying for them out of the church funds or taking a collection for the purpose.

The disadvantages of the former method are :

(1). For the small amount of money, it means a great deal of care and work, and sometimes loss, on the part of those who kindly take charge of the subscriptions.

(2). Only those who are already interested in church work, and who least need the "Record" get it; while others who most need it, and whom its missionary letters might interest and help, do not see it.

The advantages of the congregations taking the "Record" for each family are:

1. It saves the work of getting subscribers from year to year, and the frequent asking for and collecting of small subscriptions.

2. It does not increase the cost of their own copies to subscribers, as they save their subscription and simply give that much more to the general funds of their church.

3. The only extra cost is the amount necessary to give it to those who will not yet subscribe for it, and this is mission work that will richly pay.

There are few ways in which so much good can be done, at so small an expenditure of money and effort, as by putting the "Record" into every family that does not take it. It is mission work that will pay better than almost any other.

(a) It will pay in the good done to those who get it. There is no agency for the distribution of religious literature, so cheap and so likely to yield as large a return in good done, as the monthly distribution of the "Record."

The outside back cover alone, as a tract, twelve times a year, is a silent preacher that cannot but do good in many a home. From this field of usefulness the subscription plan practically excludes it.

(b) It will in most cases pay the congregation financially. The increased giving to the Church as a result of the distribution of the "Record" to all its families, will in most cases result in more than the small sum necessary to provide the "Record" for these families.

(c) It will pay in contributions to the Schemes of the Church. In some homes at least it will be read. Its missionary letters will do their own work, and more or less of added interest and giving is sure to result.

In some cases it will be like seed by the wayside, among thorns, or in stony ground, but in others it will fall in good soil and will bring forth, in some thirty, in some sixty, and in some an hundred fold.

Please try this Century Scheme. Many Congregations practice it. Sample parcels of any size will be sent free on application.