

give them the Word of God, and to seek to lead them to study it and follow "where it leadeth." If they can follow it and remain in the Church of Rome, well. If they cannot, they should not be left in ignorance of it in any place where they cannot follow it.

This RECORD has not a little which it is hoped will interest and profit. On two great themes, the meaning and privileges of baptism, and the best method of giving to missions at home and abroad, the next four pages give food for thought. Pages 41 to 44 have some interesting glimpses of life and work by some of our laborers in the gold regions of the far West and the Yukon. From pages 45 to 58 are messages from our missionaries in Trinidad and Central India and Honan, telling of our work which they are trying to do for us and of its progress; and the last half dozen pages, show what we have tried to do, by the different Schemes of our Church, for the world's betterment during the month of December.

Attention is called to the article on page 35, on "Special Object" giving. Please note these points: (1) In choosing special objects *e.g.*, some person in India or China, as our work, and with whom we wish to correspond, etc., we increase the work of conducting the business of our missions and therefore the cost of it. (2) We do not know so well as the Missionary Board that has charge of the work what is most needed or where our gift will do most good. (3) We may thus hamper those whom we appoint to take charge of the work for us. (4) We are liable to pauperize the one whom we support and thus defeat the end for which we give. (5) We do not get the good ourselves that we might from the work for an interest narrows to the special object for which we give, instead of broadening to grasp the whole work as ours. (6) We miss in some measure the good of the highest aim, that of giving simply as to Christ, in obedience to His command.

The Doukobors, two thousand and again two thousand, with more to follow, exiles from Russia, have landed and have gone to our far West to make for themselves new homes in a land of freedom. They have been welcomed by voice and press, for their clean healthy bodies, their high toned morals, and their dauntless faith and

courage under sore persecution, prominence being given to one or other of these according to taste.

One point may be noted. They have been driven from their homes, they have lost everything, they have come to our land, all for conscience sake. Conscience is a valuable commodity in any country. Russia has none to spare and her policy is suicidal. Canada cannot have too much of it. Her fields and forests and mines are of great worth but more essential to her true prosperity is "a good conscience toward God and toward man." This is probably the largest single importation of conscience in the world's history and well may we rejoice that Canada is the recipient of it. May it spread.

Many hundreds of "annual meetings" have been held throughout the church during the past month. In most of them the results of the year have been encouraging so far as financial matters are concerned. For all the good that comes, let grateful lives give thanks during the New Year.

In January RECORD, 1899 was inadvertently called "the last year of the century." We are only in the 9th year of this decade and the 99th of this century. 1900 will be the tenth year of the former and the 100th of the latter.

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Youth's Record was intended to supplement, not to supplant, *The Children's Record*. As the orders for the former came in, about three-fourths of them were found to be in place of the latter. It was not well to cut down the old for the upbuilding of the new, and it has been thought best not to publish further issues of *Youth's Record* in the meantime, and to try and make *The Children's Record* more helpful to all the young people.