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Some departments are crowded out of this issue, e.g., Childhood, Preachers' Page, etc. The young people will find their monthly topic, The Honan Mission, fully given, and the story of the missionaries' escape.

To any congregations that are intending to take a larger number of Records next year the balance of this year will be sent free. The method adopted by many is for the congregation to take a copy for each family. It is a good investment. Those least interested and who need it most get its church and mission news, and some seed will surely fall into good ground and bring forth fruit. Where it can be done it saves all the work and trouble of getting individual subscriptions and collecting them.

As we go to press news comes of the sudden death of Rev. J. W. McLeod, of Vankleek Hill, Ont. While watching the progress of the work on their new stone church, nearly completed, the gable fell, he and a workman were killed, and others badly injured. Our Honan missionaries through perils great escape. He, almost at his own door, no seeming danger near, is cut off, and widow and her little ones, are left to mourn. "In the midst of life we are in death." "Be ye also ready," comes to us from those now silent lips.

The present state of the Century Fund is that some 600 congregations have subscribed \$800,000 to the Century Fund, of which about \$340,000 is for the Common Fund, the balance for payment of their own local debts. \$600,000 is the amount aimed at for the Common Fund. Five hundred congregations have not yet reported anything. In some of them the work is being carried on.

Others perhaps, few it is hoped, have not yet begun. Whatever is done, must be very largely done within the next two months. The whole amount can and should be raised. On an average taking any considerable area the amount required for the Common Fund is about twice that given each year for the schemes of the church. We will never have opportunity to help another Century Fund. Let our best effort be given to this one.

THE COMING ELECTIONS.

It is probable that ere many months, perhaps weeks, have passed, the people of Canada will be called upon to exercise their right of self-government by choosing representatives who shall manage their national affairs for the next term of years.

The motherland and the U. S. A. are busied in the same way; a large proportion of the free self-governing people of the world, nearly the whole Anglo-Saxon family, engaging in a function in which that family have been pioneers and ever in the van, our Empire leading.

The elections in Britain are of interest because they affect the Empire of which we are a part, and to those in the U. S. A. we cannot be indifferent because of commercial relations and the attitude of their great parties towards our Empire. But with Canada is our chief concern. Here every Canadian has a duty and responsibility.

There are two considerations that give special importance to the right of self-government. One of these is the price at which that right was purchased. We—like Paul with his Roman citizenship, were "free born"