

Our Home Work.

The Records. To new subscribers for the PRESBYTERIAN RECORD or the *Children's Record*, who pay now for the year 1896, they will be sent free for the remainder of the present year, a year and a half for the price of one year.

This is a good opportunity to get the RECORDS into mission fields, and places where they are not now taken. Send this notice to a friend in some such field, or better still, send a parcel of RECORDS to the end of 1896.

The Ideal Record. "Pit the sneeshin until the sairmon" was the answer of the old Scotch woman whose pastor suggested taking a pinch of snuff to keep her awake in church. At the risk of a similar retort we venture a suggestion for making the RECORD more interesting.

People want more local news. To supply the demand, congregations sometimes publish a sheet for themselves, while the Presbytery of St. John is meditating a local paper on a larger scale, and in the North West, *Quarterly Leaflets* have been issued to supply the need.

One of the best means of meeting the "local" want, is by a "cover" or "leaf" for the RECORD. Let each congregation that wishes it, get printed for itself a single leaf the size of the RECORD and paste it inside the front cover; or two leaves may be printed, and, either inserted, or put on as a cover for the RECORD with a suitable name.

The same thing might be done on a larger scale. Let a presbytery print one side of a small sheet with presbytery news, and each congregation take a parcel of this partly printed sheet and get printed on the other side its congregational news. Then let the sheet be stitched or pasted into the RECORD, or put on as a cover; and the readers, for a few cents extra per year, would have the RECORD for general church news, a page or two with special presbytery news, and a page or two relating solely to their own congregation. Nearly all, even of our country congregations, are within easy reach of some town or village where there is a printing press and where they could get the work well and cheaply done. And they would thus have "An Ideal Record."

The Summer School in Hx. The Summer School of Theology in the Presbyterian College, Halifax, has proved so successful that nearly all the forty "boys" who were there, want to go back again, and it is likely to be continued next year. It is especially helpful and valuable to the minister who is much separated from his fellows. Carrying on his work alone during the year, he looks around and sees little seeming result of that work, and looks within and feels that he is getting into monotony of thought, and he becomes discouraged. To such an one the fortnight of association with others in study and conference, and of listening to specialists along different

lines, is of great value as a stimulus and encouragement. As iron sharpeneth iron, &c.

The Presbyterian College in the Maritime Provinces may thus prove a benefit to the Church there in a way that was not thought of when it began, and in a measure that was undreamed of by those who started the Summer School.

The Maritime C. E. Convention. The sixth Annual Convention met in Truro, 20th Aug., and was attended by about 400 delegates. The first C. E. Society in Nova Scotia was formed by Rev. A. Rogers in Yarmouth, in 1885. The Maritime C. E. Union was formed in Pictou in 1890. The report of the General Superintendent, showed a total of 595 societies, with 27,000 members, of which 84 societies with 2,500 members were added during the past year. Denominationally 350 of the Societies are Presbyterian; and provincially, Nova Scotia has 381 societies, New Brunswick 182, and P. E. Island 62. The presence of "Father" Clarke gave interest to the meetings.

The New Brunswick societies have organized a Provincial Union.

The resolutions adopted by the Canadian delegation at the C. E. Convention in Boston, given on another page, were a beautiful answer to the action of our General Assembly on Young People's Societies.

Dr. Warden's Appointment. One of the important acts of last Assembly was the appointment of Dr. Warden as Dr. Reid's successor, on the retirement of the latter at the end of the present year. The interests with which Dr. Warden is now connected are important, and he asked time for decision. What that decision may be is unknown. If duty should point to removal, the loss will be sorely felt in Montreal by the different departments of Church work with which he is so closely identified.

Death of Mistawassis. The name of Mistawassis (Big Child) has long been familiar to those interested in Indian Missions in the North West, and it will long be perpetuated in "Mistawassis Reserve." But the old chief is gone. On Sunday 21st, July, he died on his reserve, 50 miles West of Prince Albert, aged 80 years.

Many years ago when roaming the plains with his band, he met the Presbyterian missionaries, Revs. James Nisbet and John Mackay, and was deeply impressed with their teaching. So soon as he had a reserve assigned him, in 1876, he invited Mr. Mackay (since deceased) to be his missionary, and ever since, through the troubles of the Reil rebellion, and at all other times, he has stood loyal to his church and his country. He withstood all efforts to induce him to join the rebels in 1885, and when the town of Prince Albert was threatened, he offered the help of his band to protect its people.