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ABOUT THE "RECORD."

Dear Mr. Scott:—

There is a very manifest improvement in the RECORD of late, and it now stands in the forefront of all similar publications. It appears to me more than ever calculated to advance the interests of the Church by drawing out the sympathy and liberality of our people on behalf of its work. I have read every word of the present number (March) and have a better knowledge of the Church's work in the West Indies because of this.

It seems to me that if we had the Foreign Mission work under the Western Section presented in a similar way in the RECORD, namely:—by Annual Reports from the individual missionaries in the different Foreign Fields, our people would not only give more intelligently, but much more liberally. Instead of publishing these reports at length in the Annual Report of the Foreign Mission Committee, which is read by comparatively few people, it would be very much better to publish them in the columns of the RECORD, which has a circulation of nearly 50,000, rendering necessary only a very brief summary in the annual report of the Foreign Mission Committee. The same remark holds good regarding Home Mission and French Evangelization work.

I am satisfied that nothing will do more to deepen the interest of our people in the Schemes of the Church and increase their liberality on their behalf, than such information from all our fields as is given in this number of the RECORD. I might also add that missionary information given in the columns of the RECORD is more likely to be read than in any secular daily or religious weekly, which are looked upon as newspapers, and thrown aside when superficially read, whereas the RECORD is, or may easily be, filed and kept for future reference.

AN ONTARIO MINISTER.

A minister, largely and actively interested in

the public work of our Church, has sent the preceding note. For its commendation, and for the many similar kindly words from different sources, we are deeply thankful. There has not been much public mention of them, but they have helped. Appreciation cheers and stimulates.

This letter is published more especially to call attention to ways in which the RECORD may be made more useful, and thus better fulfil its end. There is no way in which the work of our Church can be so effectively brought before our people as through this medium which the Church has established for that special purpose, and the RECORD should be used to that end more fully than it is, both in the supply of missionary matter by Home and Foreign missionaries and by Conveners and Secretaries, and in the more careful reading of that matter after it is printed.

There is one thought by "Minister" which the RECORD hesitates to endorse, viz: the improvement. May it not be that if previous issues had been as carefully read similar help would have been received. Every March issue for some years has contained the Trinidad Reports, and every issue has something from all, or nearly all, the fields; for while we would welcome more, the missionaries have not been unmindful of this best way of making the Church see, through their eyes, the heathen world.

We mention this not to controvert the welcome words of our correspondent but to suggest that if the RECORD were always thus carefully read, and if all would thus carefully read it, knowledge of our mission work and its consequent support, would be largely increased.

We would like to send out sample parcels of the RECORD and CHILDREN'S RECORD for free distribution where it is not now taken and would be thankful for names and addresses and the numbers that could be used. Please send them at once and in any number.