

Giving the Record to all.

It will pay in the good done to those who get it. There is no cheaper agency for the distribution of good religious literature. 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.

It will pay financially. The 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 it for these families.

It will increase contributions to the Schemes of the Church. Its missionary letters will do their own work.

A Disgrace to Canada.

In last Record, under the above heading, regret was expressed that there should be "ANYWHERE," the spirit whose measure of the patriotic scenes, with their sad and tender associations, which our country has recently witnessed, is the amount of political capital that can be made out of them.

Some of Canada's party press, instead of honest self inspection, has seen fit, as is often done with sermons, to quote the Record's words as to "the other fellow;"—still trying to play partizan discord on the harp of thousand strings, heart strings, that stretch, tense and sore, to South Africa.

To repeat the words of last Record, "It is pitiable that there should be anywhere"—journalism—"whose measure of"—any effort to keep such scenes out of the mire—"is the amount of political capital that can be made out of it."

Sir William Dawson.

Born in Pictou, N. S., 13 Oct., 1820. Died in Montreal, 19 Nov., 1899. Earth is poorer for his passing, but richer for the work he did and the life he lived. He was educated in Pictou Academy and in Edinburgh University; was for three years superintendent of Education in N. S.; and, from 1855, Principal of McGill University for nearly forty years, until failing health compelled rest, and he resigned in 1894. Since then his busy pen has given to the world several valuable books. As a scientist, his place has long been in the first rank. As an administrator and man of affairs, the success of McGill University through long years of upward struggle is witness. In teaching the Bible he had few equals. Most plough, he subsoiled. One of the beautiful things about his life was to see such profound scholarship and wide culture learning with humility and reverence from the Word of God,—which was for him supreme. He was a school mate and playmate and intimate companion of our pioneer missionary, Dr. Geddie, and was the last survivor of our first F. M. Committee that appointed Mr. Geddie to the Foreign Field.

THE CENTURY FUND.

Three of the congregations in Toronto are aiming at \$25,000 each for the Century Fund.

Only 1029 of the Sabbath Schools have as yet responded with Children's Day offerings for the Century Fund. Where are the 1409?

It is a large work. Some have grasped the idea of its magnitude and are entering upon it with earnest effort. It is the one Century effort of a life time with all.

The ministers' subscription list has about six hundred and fifty names with an average of about one hundred dollars each. The Convener earnestly asks that the others will respond at as early a date as possible.

Subscriptions to the Fund have thus far ranged from the one dollar of a seven year old who is going to save his cents, to the five thousand of the men who have already saved their cents. There is room between and beyond the above for multitudes.

Many Presbyteries and churches are taking it up with great heartiness. The plan most commonly followed is to divide the Presbytery into four or five sections, each with its convener, and the whole ground is thus thoroughly covered.

In the Maritime Synod there have been touching instances of loving giving to the Fund, in memoriam, as the departed "would have done if living;"—and a mistress of the manse on her dying bed, but a few hours before her translation, made a gift,—her last gift—to the Fund.

THREE IMPORTANT POINTS.

In Regard to the Century Fund.

The First Point.

Why is the Church asking this large sum of money from the people? and why should I give a contribution to it? These are proper questions to ask.

(1) The appeal is made to us by the General Assembly. The wisest and best men in the Church consider the movement to raise this money a wise one, and that the money is required. And it is asked as a becoming acknowledgement of God's mercies to us as a people. He has blessed us abundantly in things temporal and spiritual, and we desire at the close of the century to recognize His goodness. We cannot do this in any more appropriate way than by making such a contribution to His cause. Further, we desire to enter on the twentieth century with a determination to maintain in our