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Minutes of Assembly. The minutes of assembly are now through the press, and will be forwarded as soon as possible. A copy will be sent by mail to each minister, and copies will be forwarded in the usual way, through clerks of Presbyteries, to those entitled to receive them. The last assembly directed that one copy be sent to each minister, one to the representative elder, and one for the board of management; and farther, that a copy be sent to each member of session, in all congregations that have contributed to the Assembly Fund within the past two years.

The Records. Please think and act upon the following notices.

Parcels of back numbers of either the *RECORD*, or the *Children's Record*, will be sent free to any address, for distribution. What can be more free than that. Please send addresses, the more the better.

To any who subscribe now for 1895, the *RECORDS* will be sent free for the remainder of this year.

The *RECORD* keeps the Home and Foreign work of our Church as fully as possible before its readers, and thus aids in sustaining and deepening an interest in that work. The result of all such added interest, must be gain, in every way; to the individual, to the congregation, and to the church at large.

In many families there is little religious reading; the *RECORD* devotes part of its space to meeting this want, by giving a few pages of the best select reading it can get, bearing upon the main doctrines and principles and duties of the Gospel, and must in this way be an agency for good wherever it goes.

Have you tried placing the *RECORD* in every family in your congregation. There are few ways in which so much good can be done, at so small an expenditure of money and effort. The increased giving to the church, that would result from the added interest among the more careless ones, would in most cases, more than pay the cost.

Another result would be the good that this kind of Home Mission work would do among the less interested half. Here is a field of work from which the subscription plan practically excludes the *RECORD*, while, if taken by the congregation for every family, it has an open door to a large field of usefulness. Many congregations have adopted this method. Will not you try it for the coming year? Try it now and get it free for the remainder of this year.

Try the *Children's Record* for your Sabbath School, if you have not done so. It has the first claim among Sabbath School papers. It is published by our church, for our own young people, and it tells them something about our own missions, which other S.S. papers do not. Subscribe for next year and get the remainder of this year free. If you have no Sabbath School, get it for the young people at home.

Ministers' W. & O. Fund. The third Sabbath of October has been appointed by the Assembly for the collection for the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund. This only applies to the western section of the church. In the Maritime Synod the scheme is a Mutual Insurance Fund, supported by the ministers, and, like any other Insurance fund, it benefits the bereaved families of the ministers that pay its rates, and in proportion to the class in which they have paid; the widow receiving a certain allowance yearly, and the orphans, a grant up to eighteen years of age. In the West it is more generally maintained by the contributions of congregations, as well as by the rates of the ministers.

It is a most worthy scheme. The sum required is not large, \$7,500 for the year, for the western section. While some ministers are able to make provision for their families in case of early death, many are not, and when their lives are freely given to the service of the church, perhaps in frontier extension work at a small salary, that church should give some little aid in helping these families, if necessary, when the bread-winner is taken, and, without house or farm, the family is left.