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FIRM FOOTING AT LAST.

The General Assembly has transferred the publication of the HOME STUDY series of lesson helps to the *Record* committee. This places them upon a sound financial basis and insures their permanency. The agents and publishers of rival periodicals may now retire from the conflict and devote themselves to emulation of their excellence and adaptedness to the Canadian Church. Considering the bitter opposition encountered we may be pardoned if we congratulate our S. Schools upon the result attained. By assuming the duty of issuing the lesson helps the *Record* committee, having a surplus fund at its disposal, guarantees our schools against being asked to meet any further deficit, but the General Assembly earnestly desires that the debt necessarily incurred by the Sabbath School Committee in bringing the publications to their present excellent character and circulation, should be wiped out at once, if possible. After full discussion of the subject the Assembly instructed the S. S. Committee to take special means to raise the amount required, and directed that the whole collection on "Children's Day" next should be devoted to this purpose. Three members present, Drs. Thompson, Robertson and Fletcher, most generously offered to share with the Convener the personal responsibility of floating the debt until sufficient contributions came in. We believe that our Schools will respond to such a manifestation of public spirit with even more than their accustomed loyalty and liberality.

The S. S. Committee will send copies of the Children's Day programme to every S. S. superintendent whose address they have, hoping that teachers will be pleased with it and use it, sending the collection to the convener in response to the Assembly's instructions. If any do not receive a sufficient number for school and congregation by September 1st, they are requested to notify the convener, and as many as are desired will be forwarded at once. If those schools which contributed last year will repeat their donations with as much increase as possible, and all who have not taken part in "Children's Day" services hitherto will aim at raising a *minimum* amount equal to **five cents** for every scholar and teacher the whole sum required (\$7,235) will be easily made up. We do not believe that that is beyond the ability or willingness of our schools. If this debt can be paid off during the current year, we shall be free to devote the "Children's Day" collection in future to objects better calculated to develop the missionary sympathies of our young people. We subjoin a statement of the circulation of our periodicals, shewing their increase during the past year.

CIRCULATION OF PERIODICALS.

LEAFLETS—	May 1st, 1890.	May 1st, 1897.	Increase.
Senior,	20,648	20,076	572
Intermediate,	4,681	7,957	3,276 or 70 p. c.
Primary,	4,332	6,704	2,372 or 52½ p. c.
Total Leaflets,	29,661	34,737	5,076 or 17 p. c.
QUARTERLIES—			
Senior,	9,889	11,778	1,889 or 19 p. c.
Intermediate,	4,155	5,781	1,626 or 39 p. c.
Primary,	2,363	3,399	1,036 or 44 p. c.
Total Quarterlies,	16,407	20,958	4,551 or 26½ p. c.
TEACHERS' MONTHLY,	4,390	4,920	530 or 12 p. c.

The PRACTICAL LESSONS this month are written by the Very Reverend the Moderator of the General Assembly, Dr. Moore, of Ottawa. All our teachers will enjoy his fervent, forceful and felicitous remarks.