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**The Record for 1893.** The RECORD is published *by the Church for the Church*. It is not for the profit of any but for the good of all. Every member of the Church has an interest in it. It is your paper. One month more and the PRESBYTERIAN RECORD for 1892 will be complete. What is to be done for 1893. It should be in every family. How far shall that be realized?

There are two ways of circulating it, by subscription, and by the session or managers ordering it for each family and paying for it from the Church Funds.

The former method involves a great deal of tedious work from year to year. Many forget to subscribe. Some subscribe and many do not pay, with the result that they are themselves morally injured, by failure to keep their promises, and either the agent or the RECORD has to bear the loss. There is difficulty too in getting at the exact number wanted, and sometimes months pass before the order for the year is finally settled, only to be disturbed again with another year. Often not more than half the people take it, and those who do not are the ones that need it most, and in this way it fails in some measure of its mission.

By the latter method, there is scarce any additional demand upon the giving of the congregation. Instead of subscribing for it, members give a little more to the church funds, and pay for it in that way. There is no trouble or work in canvassing for it. Careless families get it that otherwise would not. It is a missionary agency to do them good, and the congregation, and the Church at large will profit by their added interest. From a merely financial standpoint, it would pay many a congregation to put the RECORD into every family. But the great benefit that would result would be the good that it would help to do among the "unattached half." Here is a field of work from which the subscription plan practically excludes it, 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. More are doing so. Will not you, brethren, who have not done so, try it next year and see how it works.

## **The Children's Record.**

Home is lonely without children, and the old RECORD needs the younger one to complete it. The *Children's Record* expects to have next year a new title page like that of the PRESBYTERIAN RECORD, only smaller, so that there may be more of a family likeness.

There are many parts of our Church where the *Children's Record* is not yet taken and is scarcely known. To these places we would like to send some samples. The price is but fifteen cents per year in parcels of five and upwards to one address. Sample parcels of any size will be sent free. Send for some and see what it is like, or, better still, try it for a year.

**Four Hundred Years.** How great to us! How small to Him with whom a thousand years is as one day. The old world and the new have been resounding with the celebrations of the discovery of America and the wondrous changes which these centuries have wrought. We turn and ask, what of the centuries to come? Nor do we ask in vain. We know that whatever changes there may be in social, industrial, political, ecclesiastical life, all will be but so many stages in the working out of that eternal plan which has for its complete fulfilment a redeemed world.

## **Winter Supply.**

A great change has quietly taken place all over our Church during these few days. Over two hundred young men that have preaching all summer have returned to college. Many churches are now vacant, and now comes the vexed question of winter supply. What shall it be? Whence shall it come? There is one direction in which vacancies looking for winter supply will never look in vain, and that is—Upward. The "winter supply" of God's Spirit never fails. Get all the preaching you can, but whether you have it or not, forsake not the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is when there is no preacher. Meet every Sabbath in your place of worship. Do something, sing, read Scripture, read a sermon, above all, pray, even if it has to be united silent prayer, and the "winter supply" will come richly down laden with blessing.