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## THE PRESBYTERIAN RECORD FOR 1897.

The Record is to be enlarged with the New Year, and it is hoped that next year will see an increase, not only in the number of its pages but of its readers as well.

The "hard times" of the past three years have had their effect here as elsewhere; but if the "times" improve, may we not hope to share in the good by getting larger orders?

The thanks of the Church are due to the many who so faithfully carry on this line of Christian Work, distributing the Record and collecting and forwarding its price. Fellow-workers, be not weary in well-doing. At that end will you not try for a wider circulation, and at this end we will try and make the Record more worthy of your faithful and loyal help.

## THE CHILDREN'S RECORD FOR 1897.

With the New Year the *Children's Record* is to be increased in size, and at the same time reduced in price from fifteen cents per year to twelve cents, or only one cent per month, in parcels.

This is a reduction in price of nearly one-fourth, giving five Records for the price now paid for four; fifty for the price now paid for forty, or one hundred and twenty-five for the price now paid for one hundred; and this reduction, with the larger size of the paper, should lead to quite an increase in the circulation.

If our young people are to take an interest in our mission work, they must read about it: and if they are to be interested in it when they grow up, they must be trained to it when young: and the *Children's Record* is the only paper for the young that will

tell them anything about our own mission fields.

Further, it is published by our Church for its own young people, and should for this reason be loyally supported.

If you wish a paper oftener than once a month, take the *Children's Record* for one week of the month, and some other paper for another week, you will then have our own Church paper, and have variety as well.

The *Children's Record* should be in every Presbyterian home in Canada. If there are no young people in the house, it will keep the older ones in sympathy and touch with the young.

Many thanks for the helpers in this field also, who distribute it from month to month.

For the many kind words that have been spoken and written about both Records, we are deeply grateful. Such words give cheer and help, more than the writers of them know.

## An Historic Spot.

Time makes place historic, and events that seemed common to the actors are of note in after years. Thus it comes that Little Bras d'Or, C.B., has a unique place in ecclesiastical history. On 12th September was opened there a fine new church, where fifty-three years before, Sept., 1843, was dedicated the first "Free Church" in Canada, in America, in the world; just after the "Disruption" in 1843, and before the completion of any "Free Church" in Scotland. What changes these years have brought to Presbyterianism in Canada; in the extension of its different branches; in their happy union; and in the progress of the reunited family for the last score of years.