

Shall it I would like to improve the appearance of the RECORD, to put a colored cover upon it and better paper into it. This would greatly improve it externally, make it more worthy of our Church, and at the same time enlarge it by four pages. The pages now devoted to the cover would be added to the numbered pages, of which there would then be thirty-two in each number instead of twenty-eight as at present. This cannot be done for twenty-five cents. It will require five cents additional, making the price thirty cents per annum in parcels. But that much additional value will be given in the added space. At present there are twenty-eight numbered pages besides the cover. Of these an average of nearly four pages is taken up with acknowledgments, two pages with Sunday-school lessons, and one page with Church notes, leaving twenty-one pages of general reading, which, at twenty-five cents, gives one page of reading matter for about a cent and a quarter per annum. If the RECORD were enlarged by a cover, the four additional pages would be entirely for reading matter, and at one and a quarter cents would be worth exactly five cents, thus giving full value for the increase in price, besides making a magazine much more creditable in appearance and of more permanent value, as it would be less likely to be destroyed.

It may be said that a "quarter" is a neat and even sum in sending money, but parcels of five are the smallest for which allowance is made, and a parcel of five would be \$1.50 instead of \$1.25; parcels of ten, \$3.00 instead of \$2.50, and so on. So far as evenness and ease of reckoning are concerned the thirty cents has the advantage.

The five cents additional in price is in itself a very trifle, and yet on the whole would make a large sum, would provide its equivalent in increased reading matter, besides giving a handsome cover.

Would you like it done? Will ministers, agents and others kindly drop a card giving their opinion regarding it?

The Bible and Woman. A daughter of Lyman Beecher, a name so justly honored, preached not long since at the Woman's Congress, in Chicago, and showed one phase of modern "liberalism", "advanced thought", &c., by taking with her to the pulpit, the Bible, the works of Confucius, and some books on Spiritualism, and putting them before her audience as all and equally profitable for guidance. A very pertinent question arises: "What would this woman's position be in a land that trusts to other guide books than the Bible? What has any philosophy or civilization apart from Christianity done for woman, but degrade her? To the Bible and the religion of which it tells, woman owes her place in the world to day, as the fellow and equal of man, and she, above all, should be zealous in maintaining its supreme authority. Thank God that such women seeking for a little notoriety, represent few women, but themselves. Christian womanhood stands by the Bible and by many a beautiful life adorns its doctrines.

Our Home Work.

Winter Supply. How to obtain it has long been a problem in our Church. We take the liberty of suggesting one way in which the problem might at least be made easier. If, in all mission stations, the summer laborers were to organize Christian Endeavor Societies it would do much to relieve the needs of the coming winter when they return to college. In many of these stations there is no regular religious service of any kind, in the absence of the preacher or catechist, on account of the difficulty of getting anyone to take any part, however small, in the conduct of a meeting. The simplicity and freedom of the Christian Endeavor meetings, the practice of a few months now in the summer with the missionary present, and the pledge to keep that practice in operation during the winter when no missionary can be obtained, would result in many cases in the keeping up of a regular religious service by the people where none such now exists.

Hitherto the mission of the C.E. Society has been largely confined to organized and settled congregations. May there not be a new field of usefulness and a great work awaiting it in our Home Mission Fields?

Augmentation. The Home Mission Report, Western Section, says: "As regards augmentation, in spite of reiterated appeals in different ways, there has been for several years an average deficit of about \$1,000. But for the \$8,000 of Mrs. Nichol's legacy, received last year, and an additional \$2,000 raised otherwise, a very large reduction in the grants would necessarily have been made. This year, notwithstanding that there was a balance to begin with of \$2,488.94, there was a deficit at the close of \$1,000."

This scheme is one of the most important in our Church, and necessary to the growth of the Church. A number of congregations in the West should do much more for it, and would do so if they stopped to consider its importance. It is not want of will to give, for our people are on the whole generous, but many do not realize the vast importance of the scheme.

French Evangelization. To meet the salaries of the missionaries of the Board, together with the cost of necessary repairs now being effected on the school buildings, the sum of \$10,000 is required in the beginning of August. The date appointed by the General Assembly for the Annual Collection is Sabbath 30th July. It is earnestly hoped that, where missionary associations do not exist, the collection will be taken on this Sabbath in every Congregation and Mission Station throughout the Church, and the amount forwarded without delay. The Board