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TO OUR READERS.

DEAR CHILDREN,

Those amongst you who have read the number of the *Children's Missionary and Sabbath School Record*, published in November, will, perhaps, be surprised to find in the first page of this number, which begins another year, and comes to you as a little New Year's Gift, the same, or nearly the same address as in the last. Prefaces are not generally great favorites with either old or young readers, and to give you the same preface twice, requires perhaps some apology. We think we have a very good apology, and hope you will think so too, when we tell you that the first number you read was just a forerunner to prepare the way and tell you what kind of a little book we were anxious should find its way into the hands of the children of Canada. Now the forerunners were comparatively few, and as we hope the number you hold in your hand and its successors will find their way into many families and schools which the last number never reached, it is necessary to tell them the object and plan of this little work.

There are two reasons why this *Record* has peculiar claims upon the attention and affections of the children of Canada. 1st, It is their own; sent forth, dedicated to their special use, and for the sole purpose of gathering