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IN MEMORY OF MY BELOVED WIFE.

My life is sad since Cathrine died,
My earthly joy with her has fled,
I never thought, when by my side,
That she'd so soon be with the dead.
Our union here was very long,
But full of all the bliss of years;
She sleeps in Jesus, sweet relief,
While I am left to grief and tears.

The days are long since Cathrine died,
Fond memory lingers all in vain;
How shall I spend this eventide
Till I shall meet my love again?
Oh, in the Home-land we shall meet
To live and love in bliss again,
And feel in that reunion sweet
We have not loved and grieved in vain.

The world is dark since Cathrine died,
No joy or splendor here I see;
Our home was not in wealth or pride,
But she was all the world to me
Our family all to church I'd take
And pray God spare them tenderly;
I love them all for her dear sake,
Who was so fond of them and me.

And more and more since Cathrine died
I think upon that fair, sweet morn
When kindred spirits glorified,
Shall meet and never part again.
A love like ours will triumph yet,
Such ties are indestructible and blest;
Our love here tried and purified
Will find in Heaven a perfect rest.

What shall I do now Cathrine's dead?
I sit and think by night and day,
Oh God, what shall I live for now,
Since my poor Cathrine's gone away?
Why thus bereaved I cannot see?
But God is good, his will be done;
I'll live for Him who died for me,
And faithful prove till Jesus come.

JOHN GIBSON,

Cheam.

The Century Fund.

We are approaching the Annual Conference when something definite will be expected in the way of report concerning the progress of this fund. Anticipating a desire on the part of the brethren to know what had been accomplished to date, a request was sent out to the Superintendents of Circuits to furnish information as to amount promised and paid and the objects for which pledged, in order that we might be able

to report in this month's Recorder. The report is far from complete, but we give it as we have received it:

VICTORIA DISTRICT.

THE METROPOLITAN CHURCH, VICTORIA, still maintain their purpose to raise \$6,000 for local church debts.

THE CENTENNIAL CHURCH, VICTORIA, expects to raise \$1,000, of which \$500 has been pledged and \$255 paid, with the exception of a small amount, entirely for local church debt.

JAMES BAY, VICTORIA, certainly deserves a "well done!" for they have pledged \$1,450, and have paid \$1,000 to date, all for local church debts. Bro. Hughes expects to run near the \$2,000 figure before they are through.

WALLACE ST., NANAIMO, will not be behind the rest, and aims at \$3,000.

HALIBURTON ST., NANAIMO. For local church debts \$138. For General Fund, including the five per cent., \$25.

WELLINGTON, with all its losses, has done well. Subscribed \$118; paid \$103, to be divided as follows: One-Missionary, and three-fifths Columbian fifth Superannuation Fund, one-fifth Methodist College.

CUMBERLAND expects to raise \$1,000, of which they have \$799 pledged and \$148.59 paid to date, the whole of which (except \$5 for Missions) will be applied to local church debts.

SALT SPRING ISLAND pledged \$150; paid \$105 for local church debts.

SIDNEY has raised \$124, to be applied as follows: \$105 for local debts and \$19 (in which is included the five per cent. assessment), for the General Fund.

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COWICHAN. Total promised \$733. Amount paid to date, \$328. Object, local debts.

CHINESE MISSION, VICTORIA, will raise \$100, the whole of which will go to Missions.

VANCOUVER DISTRICT.

PRINCESS ST., VANCOUVER. Amount pledged \$2,281, of which \$1,392 has been paid to date. All for local church obligations.

MT. PLEASANT, VANCOUVER. Amount promised \$633, to be applied as follows: Local, \$640; Missions, \$8; and Columbian College, \$5. Raised to date \$500.

ERBURN. Subscribed \$417. Paid \$365; for Columbia College \$25, and the remainder for local debts.

PORT HAMMOND. Total subscribed \$13.50. Paid \$10 for General Fund. NEW WESTMINSTER DISTRICT.

LADNER. Subscribed \$320. All for local church debts. Our brethren expect to make it \$450 at least.

KAMLOOPS DISTRICT.

VERNON. Amount subscribed, \$502 of which \$497 is for local church debts and \$10 for Columbian College. Of this \$141.50 has been paid on church and \$10 for College.

SALMON ARM. Amount promised \$12.50; paid \$2,750. Object, Columbian College.

LILLOOET. Notwithstanding our dear Brother Gardiner's illness, has done very well. Promised \$174, of which \$147 has been paid for local debts.

REVELSTOKE. Total amount subscribed \$461.40. For church debt \$410.50, of which \$316 has been paid. For Columbian College \$53.90, of which \$7.90 has been paid.

KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

NELSON. Amount subscribed and paid to date \$280. The lists, however, are not complete, and Bro. Robson expects to add considerable after Conference.

KASLO. Expect to raise \$350. Already \$150 has been paid up on local debts.

SANDON. Total subscribed \$282.07; paid \$236.07. Distributed as follows: \$218.57, church debt; \$15.50, Columbian College; \$2, Superannuation Fund.

If we practice goodness, not for the sake of its own intrinsic excellence, but for the sake of gaining some advantage by it, we may be cunning, but we are not good.—Cicero.

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