

The committee having in charge the presentation of a testimonial to the poet Alexander McLachlan, had the pleasure of reporting to the Society, at the meeting in May, the completion of their task, which had resulted in raising the net sum of \$2,278, of which \$2,100 was invested with the Toronto General Trusts Company, under the provisions of a trust deed, so as to produce a certain fixed income for the venerable poet and his wife during their lives, the remainder of the fund, if any left, on the death of the survivor, to go to the daughters or their representatives, and the balance of \$178 was paid over in cash. The presentation of the trust deed was made at a supper on the 28th April, at the Walker House, presided over by Mr. J. L. Morrison, chairman of the committee, who is to be congratulated on the measure of success that rewarded his persistent efforts in the matter. The trustees of the fund are J. L. Morrison, D. R. Wilkie and George Kennedy.

The committee on the erection of a monument in the Society's plot in Mount Pleasant cemetery, have not been idle, and will in all probability in a short time be able to announce the completion of the structure.

Hitherto the regular meetings of the Society have been called by advertisement in two morning papers in the city. The constitution has been amended in this particular by substituting a notice by mail to all members. It is hoped that the effect will be to add greatly to the numbers attending the meetings, and thus promote the interests of the Society and good fellowship among the members.

The annual sermon to St. Andrew's Society was preached on the evening of St. Andrew's Day, in Old St. Andrew's church, corner of Jarvis and Carlton streets, by Rev. G. M. Milligan.

The text was taken from the ninth chapter of the first book of Corinthians, and the latter part of the twenty-sixth verse: "So fight I, not as one that beateth the air." It had been truly stated, said the speaker, that what great men had accomplished here, had begotten the history of the world. And the reason of this was that representative men, whether poets or prophets or statesmen, did not differ from their fellow-men in the kind of endowments they possessed, but in the amount of it. They were exceptional in relation to their fellows in the degree and quality of their attainments, and in the capability of giving voice to the shadowy parts of thought and feeling and purpose