

the tragedy of these last three Yukon years, and which in some of its phases will be more needed in the days to come. The terrors of the trail will grow less, but that worse trail than Teslin will broaden as gold hunters gather in growing numbers, and that trinity of hell, the saloon, the gambling house and the brothel, throng hard after them.

Friday, 15 June.

Dear Record,—

The four beneficiary schemes of our church were up to-day, the Aged Ministers' and the Widows' and Orphans' Funds, East and West. The latter, East, is wholly insurance, supported entirely by the ministers. The latter, West, and the two former, are partly beneficiary, congregations contributing to them and ministers paying annual rates to entitle them to benefit.

The one in best condition is the W. and O. East, but even here, the secretary, Dr. Sedgwick, had to complain that while the fund is in such excellent state, too many of the younger ministers neglect to join it and secure for their families its benefits.

From the other three the complaint is not only of neglect to join but that many do not give their congregations opportunity of contributing. This is wrong. If ministers have themselves and their families otherwise provided for, they should secure help for the Fund for the sake of those who have given their lives in scattered fields on small salaries where they could not thus make provision. And if unprovided they should preach a sermon—to themselves—on caring "for his own, especially for those of his own house."

Part of to-day was devoted to Century Fund. It is doing well, About half the Common Fund of over six hundred thousand dollars has been subscribed by 553 of the 1,211 congregations of the church. The amount of local debt that will be paid off will considerably exceed the four hundred thousand dollars first named. The more the better. Many a congregation will go lighter. But most important is the Common Fund for placing the Schemes of the Church in a position to do more and better work. To secure this Fund will require the continued hearty and earnest effort of all. Large congregations and small, men, women and children,

rich and poor, should have their part in this memorial of God's goodness.

A matter of general interest is the Sabbath School publications of our church — both lesson helps and papers for the young — reported on to-day. Mr. Fraser has managed them with such excellent results that not only are they self-supporting, but have a considerable balance on hand for improvements. It is a very few years since "Forward" was a small monthly, scarce larger than our "King's Own." Now it is the large weekly of the Presbyterian church, U.S.A., with an immense circulation. With the support of the whole church our own papers will develop. And that support should be given. Much imported Sabbath School literature is anti-British in tone, and we need to have our young people trained in national as well as Spiritual loyalty.

I have only touched upon a little of to-day, but I must remember that your space is limited and the evening is not yet told.

It was Foreign Mission night. On the programme were Drs. Falconer and Moore, joint conveners, five missionaries from four of our foreign fields, Dr. Morton from Trinidad, Messrs. Wilkie and Frank Russell from India, Gauld from Formosa, Grant from Honan, and Winchester, our missionary to the Chinese on the Pacific coast.

For all from foreign lands except Mr. Wilkie it was a first appearance before Assembly to tell of their work among the heathen. The conveners thoughtfully gave most of the evening to the missionaries, and even then their time was brief.

From "Far Formosa," with its sixty chapels and preachers, its Oxford college and schools, Mr. Gauld told of the aim to develop a self-supporting, self-propagating church, of five congregations self-sustaining with wage at ten cents a day, of a pastorate receiving four to six dollars monthly, of how since Japan's possession, enemies were wont to accuse christians as traitors, and on such a charge one of their preachers had been publicly executed by the Japanese, and how out of the furnace was coming a purer, stronger church.

Dr. Morton, appointed to Trinidad thirty-three years ago, beginning work a few months later, our oldest veteran in the service, addressed the Assembly for the first time. He told of a work among the East In-