

fortune in their great Paris Exposition. They will sedulously refrain from any warlike movements that would interfere with its success. The Exposition buildings are rapidly approaching completion. The Exposition will register the high-water mark in the achievements of the arts and sciences at the end of the nineteenth century.

The Editor of this MAGAZINE, who has

successfully conducted several excursions to Europe, will take charge of another leaving Canada about the middle of June. Comfortable hotel accommodation will be secured in Paris within a short walking distance of the Exposition before leaving Canada, a matter of very great importance in view of the crowded state of the city and congested condition of street traffic during the Exposition. For programme of travel address Rev. Dr. Withrow, Toronto.

### THE DISASTER.

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BY LOUISE MORGAN SILL.

Toll for the grief  
Of the soldier who has failed ;  
For the grim despatch's woe  
Where the soldier's pride was veiled,  
For the words were writ in blood  
When he wrote the message home—  
Home !—where wives and mothers waited—  
Not the blood of those who stood  
With a courage unabated  
When they faced the wily foe,  
But in blood that was his own,—  
“ I, responsible, alone ”—  
Did he write disaster home.

Toll for the deeps  
Of a trusted leader's pain,  
When the plans have gone amiss,

And he stands alone, apart,—  
Never missiles' cruel rain,  
Not the bullet when it leaps  
To the centre of a heart,  
Could assault a soul like this.

Yet, as you weep.  
Wreath a laurel for his brow !  
Is his fame the dimmer now  
That he sowed and did not reap ?  
For a soldier is the same,  
And the same is bravery,  
Though it bear another name—  
Blunder, failure—so it be  
But of courage all is well,  
And the plaudits of the free  
Meet, and drown the wailing toll of the bell.

—Harper's Weekly.

## Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

### PROGRESS OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY FUND.

The response to the appeal to the Church for a million dollar thank-offering has been most hearty. It is a cause of profoundest gratitude that already, within a few weeks from the inauguration of this great movement, nearly one-half of the sum asked for has been pledged. The figures reported by Dr. Potts, General Secretary of the Fund, up to November 15th, are \$455,481.00.

It was anticipated that the raising of this fund would demand a long and vigorous campaign. And so it will. But the success already met is a guarantee for the triumphant completion of this great movement. It will, however, require a long pull, and a strong pull, and above all, a pull altogether, before the last man, woman and child in Canadian

Methodism has been reached, and the last of the million dollars has been paid.

The memorial character of the Historic Roll becomes more and more apparent as the weeks pass by. Not only the names of the living, but the names of the honoured dead are being inscribed upon it. This is as it should be. The makers of Methodism in this land, the men and the women whose names are written on the tombstones of the pioneers in many a lonely graveyard, should be recorded also in this memorial to be laid up before the Lord. If aught on earth can gladden the spirits before the Throne, it would surely add a thrill to the joys of heaven to know that they are permitted thus vicariously to take part in this great thank-offering for the mercies of a hundred years—in this preparation of a highway for the Prince of Peace as we enter a new century.