

Century Fund Banks. Samples of Century Fund Savings Banks have been sent to all S. S. superintendents. The Committee earnestly hopes that every child will have one. To all schools that decide to use them as many will be forwarded as desired, free of charge, carriage to be paid by the receivers on delivery. Better still, save the Fund by sending at the rate of \$2.50 per hundred, and this will pay cost and carriage. While the money that a child may be able to collect in its bank will be sent to the Fund, the bank will be kept by the child as a souvenir of the movement. The Committee is aiming at an average of a dollar or more from each bank, and hopes that many schools will reach an average far above this. It is suggested that in each school a Financial Secretary be appointed, to whom the banks should be returned every three or six months.

Century Fund Books. Century Fund subscription books may be had from Rev. Dr. Campbell, Perth, Ont. These books are in duplicate; one copy to be kept by the congregation as a permanent record, the other, when the work is completed, to be forwarded to the Church Offices in Halifax and Toronto. The books are of two sizes, for 250 and 500 names. In ordering, the size required should be stated. Congregations of 50 or 60 families and upwards should have a book of 500 names, for in many families each member of the family, parents and children, will contribute, and will have their names on the long, long Century roll. Many of our congregations consist of two or more sections; it would be well to have books for each, which will remain the property of the section, among the Church Archives in the years to come, while the books returned to the Church Offices will remain a permanent Record there. Let this Century roll be as complete, by the voluntary will of the people, as was the forced enrolment which led each Jewish family to its ancestral city, when the Saviour Christ was born.

A NEW STEP IN PROHIBITION.

Prohibition is no new thing. It is on every page of the Statute Book. All civilized society depends upon subordinating the liberties of the individual to the general good. Prohibitions are already numbered by the hundred in our laws. Nearly all human laws are prohibitions. They meet at every turn the human selfishness which would seek its own benefit regardless of others,

and they say to it "Thou shalt not." Among the more primitive savage peoples, each is for the most part a law unto himself. But in proportion as civilization makes progress, each one pays for its advantages by yielding up some of his individual rights to the good of the whole.

The question of prohibiting the traffic in intoxicating liquors, is merely the question of whether the liberties of the few who would like to make money out of this traffic shall submit to the public good, or whether that public good must suffer, its homes and hearts be made sad and many of its lives ruined, in order that the love of gain on the part of the few may be gratified. At one time this question was not thought of, but as primitive conditions have been left behind, and civilization has made progress, and individual liberty has been made to yield in larger measure to public good, and that public good in which all alike share has been thereby increased, the question of prohibiting the liquor traffic has gained increasing prominence and larger advocacy; and if progress in the same direction continues it is safe to assume that the traffic will in due course be placed in the list of things prohibited.

Every such addition to the prohibited list is a real gain to the community. It takes a questionable good from the few by stopping their gains from the traffic, and gives a real good to the many, and hence prohibition becomes in the end the highest, truest liberty, the liberty to do the least evil and the greatest good.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union of Canada have decided to set to work for the prohibition of another evil, the cigarette, which is doing so much harm among the boys of this generation. The increase in the cigarette habit among boys during the past few years is appalling. The women rightly judge that "the only effective measures that will protect the youth of our nation from the most degrading influences of the deadly cigarette, is to entirely abolish its manufacture, sale, and importation," and they "are preparing to petition the Dominion Government for such legislation."

Every well wisher of our country and its boys and its future manhood, should do what he can to help those women in their good work.

Let Klondike gold which aliens are carrying from our country, be taxed to the full, but let not our revenue be builded on the ruin of our boys. Savage chieftains in the South Seas used to bury men and women alive in the post-holes of their houses. How much further advanced are we if we build our country's revenue upon the wreck of our country's hope?