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Death of Rev. Dr. Morrison. Earth is poorer in the passing of a rarely good and beautiful life, and richer by the example and influence which such a life always leaves behind it, and which can never pass away. If there be one lesson more outstanding than another from his life, it is the value of character. His abilities, though of a high order, were not transcendent, but it is not too much to say that in the measure in which he was known, there has been no man in our Church more honored and beloved. For years, as Agent, his monthly letter of Receipts for the Schemes has been welcomed by the RECORD. It will come from him no more. Three agents have laid down their seals of office since the Union, East and West in turn. The night cometh when no man can work.

The Century Fund. Remember that it consists of two parts. One part, called the Common Fund, is for the Schemes of the Church, to give some additional endowment for the Colleges where much needed, and to provide working balances for the leading missionary Schemes. Another part of the Fund consists of what congregations are encouraged to do in paying off their own church debts. It is hoped that many congregations, besides what they do for the Common Fund, will, with the beginning of the century, make an effort to get clear of debt, and if they report what they have raised they will be credited with having done it for that purpose.

These two parts will make up the grand total of what our Church will do, specially to celebrate the turn of the centuries. All the money that is sent to the agents of the Church for the Century Fund will go to the Common Fund. Nothing will be paid from it for Church debts.

It is hoped that in both these departments, paying off Church debts and helping our Mission Schemes to better work, the great time cycle will be fittingly marked. May the gifts be a worthy expression of gratitude for what the passing century has been to us, and of what we would like to be to the coming century.

Ministers and Last Century Fund. had no small space devoted to the effort. This issue has less. It is now time for thought and action rather than words. There is one page however, 263, that is eloquent in facts and figures. The ministers evidently believe in the Fund and are acting upon their belief. Already less than two hundred of them have subscribed over thirty thousand dollars. They realize the great benefit that it will be to all the work of the Church. As a rule, no one feels the burden of a debt upon the congregation more keenly than does the minister. It hampers in some measure, the work to which he is giving his life. And how it gladdens him when the last dollar is paid.

If interested as he should be, in the missionary efforts of the Church, he feels the handicap that is put upon such Funds as Home and Foreign Missions when they have to borrow to carry on the work through the first part of the year, till the contributions of the churches come in towards the close, and the great relief and saving it would be to have a working balance to save borrowing and interest at the banks.

He realizes too, perhaps more keenly than most men, the opportunities that offer for enlarged operations in the great campaign for the final triumph of truth and right, and that opportunities once past do not come again. Others may come, will come, but not so favorable. Lost opportunity comes no more.