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A Striking Co-incidence. Next summer the General Assembly meets in St. Matthews' Church, Halifax, on the 12th of June. The following day, the 13th of June, the congregation of St. Matthew's Church will be one hundred and fifty years old, the oldest congregation in the Presbyterian Church in Canada. It can thus celebrate at once the close of the Century, the completion of its own century and a half, and have the whole Church present to rejoice with it. What a change from the solitary beginning to the host that shall be represented there in June. How literally is "the little one become a thousand." The co-incidence, so remarkable, was not of human planning, but how fitting that the Church should celebrate the close of the Century by gathering in devout thankfulness with its oldest congregation, and celebrate, not only the close of the century, not only the century and a half of the history of that oldest congregation, but in doing so, celebrate the century and a half, the third jubilee, of its own history.

St. Matthew's was not at the first definitely organized as a Presbyterian congregation, for there was no Presbyterian Church in the country to organize it, or with which it could be connected. It was simply a body organized for worship, the year after the founding of the city. But it never had connection with any other than the Presbyterian Church. The first Presbyterian minister, Rev. James Lyon, who came in 1764, did his first work in Canada as its minister, and its earliest and only affiliations have been Presbyterian.

Heartiest thanks to all who are kindly interesting themselves in the circulation of the RECORD for the coming year, and for the kindly, cheering letters that have come.

Famine For the first time in nearly a century in India. our own mission field of Central India, for which we are specially responsible, is visited by sore famine. In previous famines people flocked from other places to be fed. Now this place, too, is stricken. Rev. Wm. A. Wilson, one of our missionaries, writes:—"We give some food twice a day to people who are willing to work for it, but many are now so weak and famished that they are no longer able to work.

"Residence in a famine-stricken country is not pleasant. At every turn we are confronted with signs of distress we have no power to relieve. Everywhere I hear people crying, 'Give me food, I am dying of hunger.' I never wished for a larger salary before, but it is hard to see the emaciated and naked everywhere and be able to do nothing for them.

"The water supply threatens to give out. Fodder for ponies is four times its usual price. Oxen and cows, on which so much depends in India, cannot be fed, and are dying in vast numbers. Almost every day people come to us, offering their children, and begging for a little bread."

Two things should be remembered by any of our readers whose hearts move them to help. First, do not make your gift by voting part of your missionary Society money for that purpose, but by spending less upon self or saving in some other way. There will scarcely be enough when all the society monies are gathered to pay what you have already promised to the missionaries to help them live and work through the famine, and their food costs them much more than it used to do. Second, see that your gift does the most good, in feeding the starving, by sending it to our own Church Agents in Halifax or Toronto to be disbursed by our missionaries. Their knowledge of the whole situation and their unselfish desire to help the hungry makes them the best and safest almoners.