

The Century Fund.

OUR WOMEN AND THE CENTURY FUND.

Extract From the Appeal of the W.M.S.

It has been suggested that the teachers in our public schools should at this time teach the geography of Africa, so that parents and children may more easily and fully understand the war that is now being prosecuted; in the same way we would suggest that fathers and mothers rehearse to their children the history of the century, its discoveries and inventions and scientific achievements; but, above all, tell them of the marvelous way in which the Lord hath led the "people called Methodists."

We are confident, if the mothers put their hearts into this wonderful story of heroic work and glorious achievement, not one member of the family will be satisfied unless their name appears on the Historic Roll.

Added to the national and universal causes for thanksgiving, we, as women of Canada, have special reasons to thank God, that He appointed the "bounds of our habitation" in a Christian land. Visit a heathen country and you will appreciate to the full all that Christian life has given to us of privilege and of honor. In all this wide world no women are more happily situated, none occupy a more exalted position, loved and honored in the home and in the Church. What more could the Lord have done for us than He hath done?

As members of the Woman's Missionary Society we are grateful that we are permitted at the close of the century to so largely help

"Ring out the darkness of the land,

Ring in the Christ that is to be."

Grateful also that the converts in Japan and elsewhere are already taking up in themselves the duties and privileges of Christian discipleship.

Tender love and earnest thanksgiving may not be able to express itself other than in small gifts and thanks-giving, but at least we may "gather up the fragments, that nothing be lost."

"How do you accomplish so much, and in so short a time?" asked a man of Sir Walter Raleigh. "When I have anything to do I go and do it," was the reply. Putting off usually means leaving off, and going to do becomes going undone. A word to the wise is sufficient.

"Of what use my single word,

Or the work of my feeble hand?

No more to the whole than a single note
Is to the chorus grand;

No more to the whole than the finest segment is

To the whole in the circling band;

Yet without that single note the song

Is not as the author willed;

And the circle is not, if its smallest part
Is lost by the hand unskilled;

No without thy loving hand and work

God's plans are unfulfilled."

THE CENTURY FUND AND COLUMBIAN COLLEGE.

Mr. Editor: The present is a most favorable time for united and decisive action by all our people throughout the province to relieve the embarrassed condition of our college at New Westminster. This young and vigorous institution, over 1,400 miles from the nearest

college in British territory, is doing grand work, but is doing it under difficulties which should not be allowed longer to exist. With the removal of the comparatively small amount of floating debt now encumbering the work and with an additional amount to provide the additional dormitory accommodation needed and to add another professor to the staff, the college would be in position to push rapidly on to yet grander work and fill the position for which the Conference inaugurated it, and under the blessing of God would soon become a tower of strength to the church of God in this province. The entire amount needed is only \$6,000, and in this twentieth century year it surely ought not to be a difficult task to reach that amount. Let any one take the combined minutes of conferences and turn to page 372, and in the line of figures at the bottom of that and the five following pages he will find the "total amount assessable for superannuation fund" for each of the circuits and mission in conference, from which he can readily calculate the amount which would be the fair apportionment to his own field. Local demands would of course modify the apportionment somewhat, but it would be to the brethren as a sufficient guide.

The college is the property of the Methodist people of the province. It was instituted by direct instruction of the conference, and its work from year to year has been reviewed and accepted by the conference and provision made for its continuance. At its last session the conference resolved to raise, during the present year, the above mentioned sum to pay the debt, increase the staff, add to the dormitories and make some repairs necessary for the preservation of the property. It will only be necessary for us to make a united effort on all our circuits and missions in connection with the T.C.T. fund this year, and by the blessing of God the crisis will be passed and our young and vigorous college will be fairly launched upon a career of prosperity. J. F. RETTS.

PROGRESS OF THE FUND.

Under the heading "Half Heart: Half Million--Whole Heart: Whole Million," the Guardian heralds the reaching of the half million point. The total reported to date is \$185,205, making allowance for some belated reports we have gone beyond the "Half." Now for the other: "Half." Don't say "plenty of time," there is none too much time to do the work successfully. "All at it and all the time" should be our motto. Every name on the Historic Roll means that some of the rich will remember those unable to give for themselves.

We are glad that such a general enthusiasm has been manifest in our conference and fully expect the closing year of the century to find us fulfilling our part of the great undertaking of raising a Thanksgiving Million.

The following is the report received during the past month:

Nanaimo, Oct. 9.—A platform meeting was held at the Wallace Street Methodist church last evening in connection with the million dollar 20th century fund scheme. Hon. Dr. McKechnie occupied the chair, and there were present on the platform Ralph Smith, M. P.; Wm. Manson, sr.; Wm. Manson, jr.; Wm. Jones, J. Ralph and E. T. Searle.

Addresses, explaining the objects of the fund and urging contributions, were delivered. Rev. T. W. Hall, in closing the meeting, announced that he had received a subscription from one who, although representing a wealthy corporation, had paid workmen, as men in his employ had always been treated fairly and were well paid. He stated that the amount subscribed was \$1,000, but did not give the donor's name.—Times.

VERNON.

An effort is being made, with good prospect of success, to pay off the debt of some \$550, resting on the Methodist church in Vernon in connection with the 20th century thanksgiving movement.

METROPOLITAN, VICTORIA, have determined to leave no stone unturned to raise the \$6,000 aimed at by them.

JAMES BAY, VICTORIA, reports \$2,000 in sight. Well done, James Bay!

CENTENNIAL, VICTORIA, is steadily creeping up to the \$1,000 contemplated.

RICHMOND has increased its contributions from \$300 to \$400.

NELSON Ladies' Aid gave \$200 to the century fund.

Mt. Pleasant, Vancouver, will place itself out of debt by the T.C.T.F. effort.

GREENWOOD reports \$600.

SANDON \$100 additional.

LOWER FRASER INDIAN MISSION \$200. A very encouraging report.

VANCOUVER, JAPANESE, raised \$11, which came from seven Japanese members.

PORT SIMPSON has raised \$300 by beloved in all classes of citizens. The latest reports.

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The Indian Standard, Rutland, says: Twelve persons were lately baptised in Mhow and six in Rutland, on profession of their faith in Christ and love for Him, and one child on his widowed mother's profession. Ten of those in Mhow and all in Rutland were from among the orphans whose rescue from the famine has been the means of their spiritual salvation also.

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