

under whose direction and guidance Queen's University has become a potent factor in the educational life of Canada.

The number of deaths in the ministry has been exceptionally large during the past year,—22 in all—and in no preceding year have so many prominent men been removed. The Assembly will never again seem the same to some of us. How solemn the thought suggested by the removal of these brethren, and how urgent the call, to those of us who remain, to diligence and fidelity in the prosecution of the work committed to our care.

A perusal of the reports to be submitted to the General Assembly affords ground for deep humiliation and also for fervent gratitude. We have reason for gratitude to God that notwithstanding all our shortcomings, and all our lack of fidelity, He has done such great things for us as a Church, whereof we are glad.

The Century Fund

The Century Fund, inaugurated three years ago, in connection with which we aimed at raising a million dollars as a thank offering to God, has, in some respects, far exceeded the most sanguine expectation, and while we are not yet able to report that the \$600,000, for the furtherance of the missionary and benevolent work of the Church, has been paid, yet we have more than doubled the \$400,000 aimed at in connection with the reduction of debts on Church property, and there has thus been set free a large sum of money which has heretofore been annually expended in the payment of interest on mortgage indebtedness, to