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Records of the Century Fund

Introduction

This collection consists of approximately 2 cm of publications of the Century Fund Committee, c. 1899-1903. It is not known when the Publications were deposited in the Archives. The publications were re-catalogued in November 1988.

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Historical Sketch

The Century Fund originated in the General Assembly of 1898 when a Committee was appointed to:

devise a plan for the raising of a Special Fund, in the First Year of the new century, to correspond with the Convener of every Standing Committee and Board of the Church, with a view to securing their hearty co-operation (Acts & Proceedings 1898, p.64)

The Committee, erroneously called the Nineteenth Century Fund in 1898, reported to the 1899 General Assembly as the Committee on the Twentieth Century Fund. It was agreed to raise \$1,000,000 over the following two years, to be distributed among the missions and other work of the church. A General Agent was appointed to organize the fund-raising and a large Advisory Committee was appointed to assist in this. The Fund proved to be very successful and by the time the Committee was dissolved in 1903.

1973-1021-1-1	1903	<u>Historic Sketches of the Pioneer Work and the Missionary, Educational and Benevolent Agencies of the Presbyterian Church in Canada</u> edited by a Committee of the Executive of the "Twentieth Century Fund" 19003; 128pp.
1973-1021-1-2	n.d.	Pamphlets <u>A Catechism on the Century Fund</u> n.d.; 8pp Souvenir card for children - Historic Honor Roll of contributors to the Twentieth Century Fund