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THE WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

We would remind congregations of the annual collections for this Fund. We are glad to notice from the acknowledgement in this number that our people are generally devising liberal things in regard to this very important Fund.

COMMISSION OF SYNOD.

A meeting of the Commission of Synod is appointed to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, on Wednesday, the 24th inst., at noon. The Commission is empowered by the Synod to attend to such emergent causes as may require immediate action; to watch over the general interests of the Church; to receive any References and Appeals from Presbyteries, and ripen them for next meeting of Synod; and to give all needful advice to Presbyteries when applied for. All papers intended to be brought before this meeting should be in the hands of the Clerk some days previous to the above mentioned date. All Ministers on the Synod Roll, and all Representative Elders bearing commissions for the current year, are entitled to sit and vote as members of the Commission of Synod.

EXPLANATION.

We have received a letter from the Moderator of the Presbytery of Montreal, from which we are sorry to learn he considers himself aggrieved by our report of the proceedings of that Court on the 4th of Nov. last, in so far as it affects his conduct in calling the *pro re nata* meeting, held on the 30th September. In explanation we state that, while the report referred to is in accordance with the Presbytery Records, as read at an adjourned meeting on the 5th Nov., it was recorded at the meeting of 30th Sept. that the Presbytery, finding that none of the Representative Elders were notified, referred this circumstance to the first regular meeting, on account of the former practice, as alleged by the Moderator, having been followed in this case. We presume the explanation desiderated by the Moderator is, that he failed to summon the Representative Elders, not through ignorance or neglect of duty, but because he acted agreeably to the practice of previous moderators.

INDIA AND THE BIBLE SOCIETY.

We are glad to learn that the British and Foreign Bible Society have, with their usual keen foresight and attention to every opening for usefulness, determined upon making a special appeal to raise a Bible

Fund for India. We shall hereafter put our readers in possession of fuller details as to this excellent proposal.

It is deserving of countenance and cordial support.

THE INDIAN RELIEF FUND.

It will be seen from the announcement, which will be found in another column, that notwithstanding the commercial depression, and the prevalent hard times many of our congregations have responded liberally to the appeal to aid this fund. We believe that our people are ever ready to own, with their sympathies and active aid, any really deserving object. The aggregate sum remitted is, considering the times, a respectable one.

MISSIONARY FOR BATHURST PRESBYTERY.

We have much pleasure in informing our readers that the Rev. Wm. Bain, of Perth, has received a letter from the Secretary of the Colonial Committee, of date 29th December, conveying the pleasing intelligence “that the Rev. A. Pollok, late of Nova Scotia, has been appointed a missionary within the bounds and under the direction of the Presbytery of Bathurst.”

Mr. Pollok was to leave England for Perth, by way of Boston, on the 2nd January, so that his arrival is daily expected.