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DAY OF THANKSGIVING.

The Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church, at its late Session in the city of Montreal, adopted the following resolution:—

“That the Synod, impressed with the singular goodness of God, at this interesting season of the year, in granting weather so favorable for the labours of our husbandry and agriculture, agree that the Moderator be respectfully requested and authorized to call the Congregations of the Church to due acknowledgment of the Divine hand, at such time as may be judged by him most suitable.

In accordance with the terms of the above Resolution, I hereby appoint Wednesday, the 18th, of October next, to be observed by the Congregations of the Canada Presbyterian Church as a day of Special Thanksgiving for the goodness of God in Providence.

W. AITKEN,
Moderator.

COLLECTION IN AID OF THE MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND, AND THE FUND FOR AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

By appointment of Synod, the collection for these important objects will be taken up in the various congregations of the Church, on the 3rd Sabbath of this month. The importance of these objects, not merely with reference to the comfort and welfare of ministers, and the families depending upon them, but with reference to the interests of congregations, and the general good of the Church, has often been pointed out, and cannot be over-estimated.

The number of Widows on the lists of annuitants, has of late greatly increased, and may be expected to increase from year to year. The number is at present thirteen. The allowance hitherto given has been small—\$120 per annum, and, did the state of funds allow, should be increased.

The number of Ministers receiving retiring allowances, is also increasing, and at present there is no large accumulation for the payment of their moderate allowances—none above \$160. All that is at the command of the Committee, is one half of the congregational collections, with any donations that may be sent in by generous friends.

God has this season blessed us with abundance. The crops have been good in most parts of the country, and fair prices are rewarding the labours and industry of the husbandman. We trust that there will be, in connection with all our missionary and benevolent schemes, a disposition to give liberally, as God hath prospered us.