

to be burdensome to their relatives, if they have any able and willing to bear the burden of their maintenance, in their declining days. And it is a cruelty to them and to the churches to compel them to work when the eye has become dim and the natural force abated. It is not likely that any provision made will be an adequate support, but it will eke out such other resources as may be available.

5. We trust that the churches will henceforth evince greater liberality to the Widows' Fund. We see no sufficient reason why ministers should not present the cause to their people; but if they cannot surmount the delicacy they feel in asking aid for an object in which they and their families are personally interested, let the deacons and members *insist* on a collection being made. We speak from experience, when we say that this cause is popular, and that congregations will give if they have the chance. They should have that chance regularly, every year.

We would further remind our friends who are able to "devise liberal things," that \$50 paid at one time constitutes the donor a life-member of the Society, entitling him to a voice and vote at each meeting.

This object is also peculiarly suitable for remembrance in charitable bequests. Those who are setting their house in order, and providing for those of their own house, may be glad to have their attention pointed to the needs of those aged pastors, or the widows and orphans of those who have been poor for Christ's sake.

AN OMISSION AT MONTREAL.

Whose fault was it, that from the beginning to end of the late Union Meeting, no one called for any report from the Local Secretaries for the London Missionary Society? We fear those gentlemen had not very large receipts to acknowledge, or we should have had a volunteer statement from them. Of course, their appointment continues. Many as are our home-claims, and limited our resources, we are persuaded that it is necessary to the full health and development of the spiritual life of the churches, that they look over their own fence, and remember the "the field is the world."

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