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### The Augmentation Fund.

*Extract from the Minutes of the General Assembly  
 at Kingston, June, 1891.*

"The General Assembly expresses gratitude to God for the large measure of success which has attended the efforts of the Committee during the past year, as seen in the increased number of missionaries employed, the opening of new fields of labour, and the extension of the work generally. \* \* \*

"The General Assembly regrets that the year has closed with a deficit in both the Home Mission and the Augmentation Funds, and earnestly urges on all Presbyteries to take immediate action to secure increased contributions to both funds from the congregations within their bounds. \* \*

"Further, the General Assembly requests the Moderator, at as early a date as may be convenient, to prepare a brief address to be read in all the Congregations of the Church, and widely circulated by the Presbyteries, setting forth the great importance of the Augmentation Fund, as a necessary part of the work of the Church, and entitled to the hearty support of all its congregations."

*To the Pastors, Ruling Elders, Managers,  
 Members,, and Adherents of the Presby-  
 terian Church:—*

DEAR BRETHREN,—In accordance with the above resolution of the General Assembly, I respectfully ask your earnest attention to the subject to which it refers. May I not assume that, as true-hearted supporters of the work which, as a Church, we have

been called upon to undertake, you share in the regret expressed by the Assembly at the inadequacy of the contributions to the Home Mission and Augmentation Funds to meet the just claims upon them? On the vital importance of both of these Funds it should be unnecessary to enlarge. As instructed by the Assembly I submit for your consideration a brief statement of the object and claims of the Augmentation Fund.

For the facts in this statement I gladly acknowledge my obligation to Dr. Warden, to whose untiring efforts and those of Rev. D. J. Macdonnell in behalf of this Fund, we are so largely indebted for the measure of support that has been accorded to it.

The Augmentation Scheme was instituted in October, 1883, since which time the Home Mission and Augmentation Funds have been kept distinct. There are now in the Western Section of the Church 186 self-supporting congregations which raised less than \$750 and manse when the scheme was inaugurated at the time mentioned. The congregations not up to this minimum in October, 1883, now give \$34,000 towards salary in excess of what they then gave.

As the remark is sometimes, and indeed frequently made, that congregations receiving aid from the Augmentation Fund should contribute more than they do, it may be well for us to observe that, while the average contribution per communicant over