

giveth quietness, who then can make trouble? And when he hideth his face, who then can behold him? Whether it be done against a nation or against a man only?" "Promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: he putteth down one and setteth up another." Let us take heed to his commands, and walk in his ways. Let us trust his mercy, and be glad in his salvation. Let us love his name, and shew forth his praise. Then shall we revive as the corn and grow as the vine. For "the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; and all dominions shall serve and obey him."

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### THE WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The men who renounce all prospect of secular success, and give themselves for life to the work of the Christian ministry, have surely one of the strongest of all claims on the churches for the maintenance, on a reasonable scale, of their widows and orphans. They have such a claim for themselves, on the failure of their health; and it is greatly to be regretted that nothing has yet been done among us, in Canada, to meet this claim. Our Wesleyan brethren have been mindful of it from the beginning, and have set an excellent example to all other churches. Though we are but young and small in this Dominion, we ought to make a beginning in so important a matter, for the sake of present workers, and for ministerial increase and support in all time to come. Meanwhile, will not the churches, in September, remember the duty and privilege of assisting the existing fund? Can they reconcile it to their consciences and hearts to disregard the claim of *widows and orphans*, the widows and orphans of *their own pastors and teachers*? It surely needs no elaborate argument or persuasive strain to insert this fund in every church's list of collections and subscriptions. The maintenance of widows appears at the very outset of ecclesiastical life, and occupies no small space in New Testament instruction. The Divine regard for the widow and the orphan requires no proof. Let no church hold back from helping this fund, on the low and selfish ground of fearing to diminish its own resources. Rather, let them give to this fund, liberally and in faith, and God will increase their resources and bless their labours, in practical anticipation of his final award: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Not as charity but as equity, do we urge the claims of this fund, on the Scripture principle, that the sower of spiritual things should reap, for himself and his, a sufficiency of secular things, in the field of his labours. The following letter from the Treasurer of the fund requires no comment:—

*To the Editor of the Canadian Independent.*

MONTREAL, 20th June, 1867.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to advise having received the following contributions since my last:

Brantford Church.....	\$8 00
Guelph Church .....	10 00
Listowel Church ... ..	4 00
Southwold Church. ....	4 00