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## The Supplementing Fund.

Read the report of the Supplementing Committee given in this issue. See the number of weak congregations that are in a measure dependent upon aid from stronger ones. Read the statement of the Agent of the Church with regard to the state of that Fund, and then consider the result, unless it is more generally and more liberally supported.

The Committee have been compelled to stop borrowing money to pay the Supplements, and have decided to pay to congregations what is paid into the fund and no more, for they have not wherewith to pay.

And what does that mean? that the congregation has to give that much more? No. It means that the minister gets that much less. It means that ministers occupying some of our scattered congregations in more remote fields, where to the care and work of the congregation is added the heavy task of making both ends meet, are to have that task rendered more difficult. It means that some of these hard working men, who, although promised more, yet actually receive from their congregations perhaps but two to three or four hundred dollars a year and that often irregularly, and whose reliance is in great measure on the \$100 or \$150 they receive from the Supplementing Fund, shall have that amount lessened and be reduced to greater straits to pay their way honestly and live respectably as they are expected to do, and carry on their work.

The expenditure last year was one-fourth in excess of the income, so that without paying any of the debt, if the

income this year be the same as last year all the supplements will be reduced by one-fourth. If strong congregations come forward generously to help the weak and give four cents for every three they gave last year, the supplements can be continued at the same rate as last year. If they give two cents for every one they gave last year to this fund, then the supplements can be paid in full and the debt also paid.

## The College Fund.

Remember that ever since the Union, Dr. Pollok's salary was paid by the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland. The annual income during these years was barely sufficient to meet the other expenditure. That grant has been withdrawn and we must take upon ourselves the whole work of educating our young men for the ministry.

## Our Funds.

Four months of the Assembly's financial year have passed, usually the least productive third, in the Maritime Provinces, so that we need not be disappointed if our receipts thus far are less than one third of the whole amount required. It is however desirable to take stock and lay the facts before the Congregations, that they may be weighed, both in the raising and in the distribution of funds.

### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Balance against the fund	
on May 1st '81	\$ 560.27
Expenditure to the present time	3,440.26
Receipts since May 1st	4000.53
	3943.00
Balance due Treas.	\$ 57.53