

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

Some two or three months ago an article appeared in the *Record* showing that this fund was not in a thriving condition. The following figures will lead to a contrary conclusion.

In the July <i>Record</i> the capital of the fund is stated as \$42,681.66.	
Interest at 8 per cent on \$42,700.00 is.....	\$3,416 00
180 Ministers rates at \$8 each.....	1,440 00
One year's income.....	4,856 00

EXPENDITURE.

11 Widows at \$200 each.....	\$2,200 00
Agent's salary and incidental expenses.....	500 00
	2,700 00

Leaving to meet fresh calls.....	\$2,156 00
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The Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers shows the handsome capital of \$1,324.00.

It therefore, appears to me, and I should think to every one who considers the subject fairly, that the *whole* amount hitherto collected for the Widows fund should be transferred to the Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund. After allowing \$200 to each of the widows now on the fund there is a surplus sufficient to meet more than ten new claims, a number, which it is to be hoped under God's good hand, will not be added for a long time to come. It is quite clear that something must be done, and that soon, to put the Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund on a better footing, and there appears no fairer way than the transfer I have mentioned above, and even additional subscriptions if thought necessary.

Fergus, 8th August, 1864.

A. D. F.

(We insert this letter with the view of making known the various sentiments entertained on this subject. The matter, however, has been committed to the Committee on the Widows Fund and no doubt it will be maturely considered before next Synod.—EDITOR.)

THE LATE REV. A. J. MACAULAY.

The Rev. Andrew James MacAulay was born in Ballybrick, Rathfriland, county Down, Ireland, January 11, 1817.

His education for the Gospel ministry, excepting one session in Edinburgh, was obtained in Belfast. He was ordained a missionary to British North America, Oct. 12, 1852; and was inducted pastor of the congregation in Nassagaweya, in connexion then, with the "Presbyterian Church of Canada," March 15, 1854. Mr. MacAulay married, March 8, 1859, Diana Ann, only surviving daughter of the late Rev. James Strang, first pastor of the Associate Presbyterian Congregation in Galt, Canada West.

His lamented death took place at his late residence in Nassagaweya, at 3 o'clock p.m. on Sabbath, April 10, 1864.

He leaves his widow with three sons of tender age, to mourn their irreparable loss.

An attached, sorrowing congregation mourn for him; many of them will bless his memory, as a faithful and laborious, honest and out-spoken pastor. The Presbyteries to which he had belonged record in their minutes of sympathy with the stricken widow and congregation, the mournful emotions with which a large circle of friends heard of his departure. His sun went down at noon. He came young and strong to Canada, a model of manly health, but the anxieties of his charge, and too sedulous, student habits, and the great change of