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COLLECTION FOR WIDOWS' FUND, AND FUND FOR AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

The second collection in the Synodical year—that for the Widows' Fund, and Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers—is appointed to be made on the 3rd Sabbath of September. This is a collection, which, we believe, commends itself in a peculiar degree to the feelings and sympathies of our congregations. Last year the sum of \$2180 was paid to the widows and orphans of deceased ministers, and this year two additional families are on the fund, making the entire number 18. The sum of \$580 was also paid on account of aged and infirm ministers; and, since the Synod, one additional claim has been presented, making in all five ministers receiving annuities from the fund.

When no particular instructions are given, the collection is divided equally between the two objects.

We trust that the collection will be as usual, generally attended to, and that the amount will be liberal.

VACANCIES AND PROBATIONERS.

Returns have now been received from all the Presbyteries of the Church, shewing that the following number of vacancies are looking to the Home Mission Committee for Probationers to visit them with a view to immediate settlement.

In the Presbytery of Montreal.....	5	Presbytery of Hamilton.....	1
do. Ottawa	5	do. Guelph.....	1
do. Brockville	2	do. Paris	1
do. Kingston	3	do. London.....	9
do. Cobourg.....	1	do. Stratford	4
do. Ontario.....	4	do. Huron.....	1
do. Toronto... ..	6	do. Grey.....	3

making in all forty-six vacancies to be supplied.

The Probationers who have reported themselves as requested, and are on the list to receive appointments are, Messrs. Bates, Bauld, Dawson, McLennan, Milligan, Meikle, W. Scott, Wright.—*eight* Probationers reported as wishing to visit vacancies.—Besides these, the licentiates from other churches, and the students lately licensed by our Presbyteries will, in all probability, report themselves during the next month, as desirous of being appointed to vacancies so soon as their present engagements in the Home Mission field have expired. These may be eighteen or so in number. This will give *twenty-six* probationers for *forty-six* vacancies.

In these circumstances it seems better not to make appointments ex-