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COLLECTION FOR SYNOD FUND.

Ministers, Missionaries, and Catechists are reminded that the Synod has appointed the collection for the Synod Fund to be made, as usual, on the first Sabbath of August. When circumstances may render it inconvenient or impossible to have the collection made at any place on that particular day, it ought to be made on the earliest possible day thereafter; due notice being given on the immediately preceding day on which there may be public worship at that place. The orderly conducting of the affairs of the Church requires that the Synod should be at a considerable outlay of money; and it is trusted that those who enjoy the benefit of its ministrations will consider their duty, and make a corresponding effort to meet these expenses.

THE PSALMIST'S ESTIMATE OF THE DIVINE TESTIMONIES, AND THEIR PRACTICAL EFFECT UPON HIM.

All the works of God are wonderful. When we allow our minds to dwell upon them, wonder is the sentiment which they inspire. How wonderful the starry heavens—the lofty expanse of sky, studded with so many glittering worlds—and how overpowering the contemplation of the firmament as you stretch your imagination through almost boundless space, and think of every part of it filled with worlds as brilliant as those on which your eye is fixed! No sight is so wonderful as the heavens when all the stars are shining. It was with a sentiment akin to that with which we would gaze upon the starry heavens, that the Psalmist re-

garded the testimonies of God: "thy testimonies" says he, "are wonderful"; and the practical effect upon him was, that his soul kept them: "therefore doth my soul keep them."

The testimonies of God are wonderful if we consider their author. The word of God, or the Bible, is an inspired book. It was the finger of God that wrote it.—Every word of it is his dictation. The prophets spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. The writers of these testimonies were under the entire control and guidance of God's Spirit. Not a word is set down there but the Spirit of God suggested or sanctioned. *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God.* We have thus the testimonies of God. There is something in the very name—testimonies, which points to their origin. Human writings are for the most part but the opinions, or speculations, of their authors, or the results of their reasonings! God's word is his testimonies—not his opinions—not his reasonings—except in so far as he condescends to reason for our benefit that he may convince our understanding as well as instruct our minds. These are not the opinions, but the testimonies, of the Lord—his authoritative deliverances—statements of what He knows—and what he alone could reveal. Now, is it not wonderful, that we have a book written by God, of which he is the author? Any book is esteemed, according to the idea we have of the genius, or intellectual capacity, of the author. Or, perhaps, the rank of the individual who composed it increases our admiration of it. But a book of which God is the author, which he has written; surely this is something wonderful. Does it not enhance our admiration of these heavens,