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"IF I FORGET THEE, O JERUSALEM! LET MY RIGHT HAND FORGET ITS CUNNING."—PS. 137: 5.

It will be seen by a reference to the minutes of Synod in the August number of the *Record*, that the collection for the Synod Fund falls to be made, this year, on the last Sunday in April, being the 27th instant. It is to be hoped that a liberal response will be given for this important Fund, as there are new claims upon it arising from year to year. All the contributions of the Church to her Schemes may be called Synod Funds, for the Synod has the allocation of them and the supervision of the work which they are intended to aid in carrying out. But this is emphatically the Synod Fund, for out of the people's contribution to it the Synod must defray all her expenses, necessarily incurred during the time of session as well as during the remainder of the year. For example, there is a large amount of routine work to be attended to during the course of the year and over the whole church bounds. To attend to this, as well as to keep the Books, Roll, &c., of Synod during the Session of the Court, is the duty of the Synod Clerk, for which a salary is paid him, and is paid from the Synod Fund.

Also during the year there are circulars to be printed and posted to the ministers and congregations throughout the Synod bounds; for printing, postage, &c., of which the clerk has to draw upon the Synod Fund. And, inasmuch as Ministers and Elders have to travel long journeys and pay expensive fares to attend the meetings of Synod, and further, inasmuch as the business of the Synod is the business of the Church, it is but right that the Church should meet all travelling expenses. So far as the money in the hands of the Synod Fund committee will accomplish this, after all other expenses have been defrayed, it has heretofore been partially done. There is no reason, in our opinion, why the contributions from the different congregations of the Church to this important Fund should not be sufficiently large to pay all the travelling expenses of Ministers and Elders on Synodic occasions. We hope that the contributions this year will be such that an object so desirable should be accomplished.

Already mentioned are the objects which from year to year shall continue