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gational collections are larger this year than last by the sum of \$178.13. The Ministers' contributions are larger by the sum of \$84, and the interest or revenue is larger by the sum of \$379.76, and from other sources the increase amounts to the sum of \$443.02, all which go to shew that the fund is in a prosperous condition and continuing to grow from year to year.

*Second.*—The expenditure during the year has been for charges of management of the Fund, \$277.35, for new investments \$2686.67, and annuities to widows \$2150; these sums, added to the balance on hand, which is \$1781.34, make up an amount equal to the receipts, viz. \$6895.36.

The particulars of the charges incurred which are larger this year than formerly consist of \$61.59 for attorneys' fees, \$58.70 for notarial charges, \$27 for discount on silver, \$7.62 for postages, 12.59 for printing, and \$109.82 to Mr. J. R. Johnson for auditing the Books, and travelling charges on account of the Fund.

*Third.*—Thirty one ministers have not made their usual collection within the year. Seven of those have done so since the books were closed, viz., Messrs W. T. Canning, R. G. McLaren, F. Nicol, H. Gibson T. Scott, K. McLennan, and D. Camelon. The remaining thirty-one are still in default, and the Synod is earnestly requested to deal with them in regard to this matter, and to enquire the reason.

*Fourth.*—Last year seventeen widows stood on the roll. Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Machar were added immediately after, making the number nineteen. We shall now have to add Mrs. Grigor and Mrs. Skinner, which will raise the number to twenty-one, being the largest number that has ever stood on the roll.

*Fifth.*—The amount now invested is \$39,586.67. There is due for arrears of interest \$806.12 and there is cash on hand \$1781.34, so that the capital of the fund may be stated as \$42,174.13. The investments are all considered good and perfectly satisfactory, excepting one amounting to \$486, regarding which, although the amount is expected to be got, it is not in so satisfactory a position as the others. This is unfortunate, but considering the large sums which have been invested, and the sixteen or seventeen years the Fund has existed without meeting with any loss, it is not very surprising if some loan should not turn out so well as expected and in this particular instance the amount is not large, and I hope will yet be recovered.

*Sixth.*—As usual full details of every matter have been prepared and are now submitted to the Synod.

I think that I have now gone over every matter of interest to this Fund; but should more information be wanted it will be furnished by Dr. Mathieson, who has long been Chairman of the Board, or by Mr. Ferguson, who has long been an active manager.

Having been permitted by the blessing of God to serve this fund as Treasurer since it was established in 1848, excepting during a brief absence, when the duties were discharged by Alex. Simpson, Esq., I have frequently felt that the time had come when some other person should be appointed and the labour and honour transferred to other hands. I preferred this request at the last meeting of the Board which broke up for want of a quorum, and I respectfully ask the Synod to be relieved of the duty.

In conclusion, in common with every sincere friend of the Church of Scotland in Canada, I do feel unfeignedly thankful that by the kindness and care of an ever watchful providence, this Fund has attained a point of security and permanence; and my prayer is that it may continue to prosper and increase in usefulness. The whole is very respectfully submitted.

JOHN GREENSHIELDS, *Treasurer.*

Montreal, 10th May, 1864.

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Clifton, in addi  
Beechridge...  
Williamstown,  
St. Louis de Go  
Bayfield.....  
London.....  
Orford.....  
Hornby & Trafa  
Brockville.....  
Chelsea.....  
Clarke.....  
Belleville.....  
Richmond.....  
Point Levi.....  
Dundas.....  
Vaughan.....  
Windsor, C. E..  
Dundas (1862).  
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West Williamsbu

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Jan. 6. Pittsburg  
7. South G  
13. Valcartier  
14. Clifton.  
Litchfield  
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Mulmur  
Russeltown  
18. St. Andre  
19. Cornwall  
Arnprior.  
Beauharn  
Chateaug  
20. Lanark..  
Niagara..  
St. Paul's  
Smith's Fa  
22. Seymonr..  
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23. Orangevill  
25. Lindsay..  
26. Woolwich.  
28. Hamilton..  
29. St. Paul's,  
Feb. 1. Mount For  
St. Paul's M  
2. Elgin C. E..  
3. Brockville.  
Osnabruck.