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

MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

It will be news for our readers to be informed that there is in existence a small nucleus of a fund for the Widows and Orphans of Ministers of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland. Previous to 1868, it appears to have been in contemplation to establish such a fund. At the meeting of the Synod held that year at Pictou, there was in the hands of the Treasurer, Wm. Gordon, Esq., the sum of \$216.21, which the Synod ordered to be transferred, and which was given in charge to the Rev. Dr. Donald, and on 1st September this sum was lodged in his name on Trust for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, in the Savings' Bank at St. John, and interest received as follows:—

1st September 1868.....	\$216 21
1st January 1869—Interest to date.....	2 70
1st January 1870—Interest to date.....	10 90
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Amount at present.....	\$229 81

Since the union of the two Synods, no action has been taken with a view to the increase of this fund. In fact it has, or seems to have, passed out of the recollection of the Synod, and yet there is not an object more worthy of more earnest and generous support. It is a well known fact that, generally speaking, the stipends of ministers are so inadequate, that it is impossible for them to accumulate means for the support of those that may be left behind them, when they are called from their work on earth to another department of their Master's service above.

It is surely unnecessary, therefore, to say more to elicit the sympathy and liberality of those members of our Church whom God has blessed with the means to aid in increasing this small beginning, so that ministers and their families may be comforted with the thought that when the father is gone, the bereaved ones will not be left altogether destitute.

The undersigned will be happy to receive any donations in aid of this fund, which the more wealthy and liberal members of our Church may be pleased to