

THE Home and Foreign Record

OF

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE LOWER PROVINCES

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THE SUPPLEMENTING FUND.

There is no fund which, when properly explained and understood, recommends itself more fully to our people than that which is now brought under notice. It rests on a foundation of justice to the ministers who have the weaker congregations, and of sympathy for our Christian brethren who, being few or scattered or poor in this world's goods, are unable to make up the salary necessary for a Pastor's support. Still, amidst the multiplicity of calls and claims, it is forgotten by some and very feebly responded to by others. It is necessary, by a plain statement of facts, to shew that there is urgent need for early and liberal collections, and that from a large number of our congregations.

Last year prior to this date several deputies had visited different parts of the Church in the interest of this fund, and yet the November Record gave notice of a deficiency. When the time of payment came more than five hundred dollars had to be borrowed—the effect of which was that the financial year closed on the 31st May, with a balance still due the Treasurer of \$595.23.

By order of Synod this was paid on the 1st of July by a draft on the fund of the Board of Home Missions; and the Supplementing Fund had a fresh start.

Before the Synod adjourned, nearly \$1,700 were paid out; and up to this date the payments have been \$1,878.56, while the whole receipts have been \$1,424.83, leaving now a deficiency of \$453.73.

Those of our readers who have by them the Synod minutes will now please turn to

page 20 and 21, and they will see that in two months from this date, there will be \$1,500, or within a fraction of that sum, required, that the Synod's promises for the January payment may be fulfilled. Nearly \$2,000 are thus needed, of which sum \$500 will be forthcoming from the Colonial Committee of the Free Church, leaving in round numbers \$1,500 to be raised during the next two months. It is evident that all the stronger congregations should make immediate arrangements for taking up their collections on or about the first of December, and forwarding them *before* the 1st of Jan.

The recommendations of the Supplementary Committee passed Synod—we think unanimously—and each member, whether minister or Elder, should feel all the obligations of a personal pledge to move in this matter without delay. And if we have thousands of men of business who make it a point of honour not to be twice called upon for payment of any debt, should not the Church, as a whole, shew that she feels the full force of the inspired charge, "*Owe no man anything?*"

The impossibility of making up any deficiency from other funds in the Treasurer's hands will clearly appear from the subjoined statement, shewing their condition at the present time:—

	<i>In Fund.</i>	<i>In Debt.</i>
Foreign Mission.....	\$1,084 70	
"Dayspring".....		\$458 27
Home Missions.....	810 14	
Supplementing Fund.....		453 73
Education—Current.....		356 85
Acadia Mission.....		291 62
	\$1,894 84	\$1,560 47
Balance on hand.....		334 37