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

THE PRESENT CONDITION OF THE WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

In spite of the neglect of many congregations to raise their share of the proposed capital of \$8000, nearly the whole of that amount is now in the hands of the Committee. The Synod that met in New Glasgow last October resolved to set the Fund in operation, and declared that all ministers of our Church who shall, not later than 1st December 1875, agree to pay \$12 annually "shall be entitled to the benefit of the Fund, the first payment to the Treasurer to be made previously to 31st December, 1875, and subsequent annual payments previously to 1st August in each year." The same Synod also agreed that the Fund should be divided into two parts, and (1) that from the annual payments of ministers their widows should receive \$50 for an annuity; (2) that from the amounts received from congregational collections, said collections to range from \$12 to upwards of \$42 annually, widows should receive from \$80 to \$130.

It follows from this that every minister who desires to be on the Fund shall send in to the Treasurer, Geo. P. Mitchell, Esq., Halifax, his first annual payment of \$12 as soon as possible, and, if possible, send at the same time the collection made by his congregation.

The Synod that met in Montreal last June resolved that the relation of ministers or congregations of our Church who may defer entering the United Church shall be similar to that of ministers and congregations in the United Church, such ministers and congregations of course complying with the terms and Constitution of the Fund.

The large Committee that met in Montreal last month to prepare business for and make recommendations to the General Assembly, had before it the question of fusing into one the four Funds of the four previously existing Churches. This was found to be quite practicable, and the recommendations to be made to the Assembly will put our ministers in the Maritime Provinces in a better position than they are in now. When one Fund is established, all the names on the four Funds will be taken on, and they will be required to pay less than they pay now, yet their widows shall receive more. This is owing to the prosperous condition of the two funds in the Upper Provinces. It is proposed that when the one united Fund is established, (and that can be done in a year from this we should suppose) our ministers shall pay \$8 annually, and make congregational collections for it; and that the payments to widows and orphans shall be in all cases equal, namely, \$150 per annum to each