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THE SUPPLEMENTING SCHEME.

We hope that the church is not forgetting that, at the end of the year, about \$1,700 will be required for this scheme. The half-yearly payments then fall due, and the Committee, and all concerned, will find themselves in great difficulties, if means are not furnished whereby all liabilities may be met. It should be remembered that Five Hundred Dollars received from the F. C. of Scotland have been withdrawn; that the Funds of the H. M. Board can and ought no longer to be relied on to meet deficiencies, and that our only resource lies in the public spirit and liberality of our people. Let us hope that these will not be found wanting. Fuller details as to the present position and claims of the Fund will be, in another shape, immediately laid before our sessions and congregations, which we hope will receive the attention they deserve. But, meanwhile, these few words will not, we trust, be regarded as out of place. It surely is too late in the day to be required to plead at any length the claims of this scheme. Indeed, there is no one scheme of our church which, we think, should more commend itself than this to the sympathies and support of our people. It is essentially a home mission scheme and home mission work we regard as the work which Christ has given our church to do. It is essential, too, to the church's growth. The growth of our church has been great; so great, indeed, that we have heard it has led to the admission from a high dignitary of another church, that "Presbyterianism

is to be the religion of Nova Scotia:" but we want it to be greater still. The "vine brought out of Egypt," God has "caused to take deep root; and we want it to "fill the land,"—and all this is what this scheme is attempting to do. In a word, it is a scheme in full accordance with the principles of our church system; and this to every true Presbyterian is all one with saying that it is in full accordance with the principles of the Gospel. It gives the strong an opportunity of helping the weak, and sustaining in some small measure, as they deserve, those devoted servants of the Lord Jesus Christ, whose lot is cast in the high places of the field, and who are bearing the "burden and heat of the day." About thirty dollars from each congregation will meet, and more than meet, our liabilities. Let all aim at this as early as possible; but as it is all but certain that, in not a few congregations, this amount will not be raised, let not our larger and wealthier congregations be afraid that the Committee will have more than they require if they double or even treble that sum. We would wish, too, to engage more heartily than has ever been done the sympathies of our more wealthy members on behalf of this fund. We have such men, we know, among us who regard "Jerusalem above their chief joy," and we feel that this scheme has a special claim upon them. While, then, we are asking the poor to give out of their poverty, we would earnestly urge upon them to give out of their abundance: and thus show that they know "how to support the weak," and that they remember the words