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### THE FIVE MILLION FUND.

A sister Presbyterian Church is engaged in the noble task of raising a Thanksgiving Fund of five millions of dollars. It is expected that the offering shall be complete on or before the third Thursday of May, 1871. The Assembly has gone into the work most heartily. Already the committee see their way clear to one million. A collection for the Fund is to be made on the second Sabbath of January in all the churches of the body. Two objects to be specially aided by this Fund are the Freedmen and institutions for the training of a native ministry in heathen lands. The ordinary revenue of the Presbyterian Church of the United States is six millions of dollars a year; and it is hoped this year to raise it to eleven millions. The Thanksgiving is to be devoted, as we have said, to the Freedmen and to institutions in heathen lands, and also to seminaries, colleges, and institutions of learning, and hospitals and orphan asylums, and then to the sustentation of aged ministers, and then to the Sustentation Fund, which shall be the means of equalizing the salaries of ministers all over the Church. The Elders have taken a prominent part in planning and forwarding this grand movement; and here is the utmost confidence in the speedy achievement of complete success. Every Synod, Presbytery, congregation and individual is to have an opportunity of contributing. In supporting the Report of the Special Committee on this subject, Dr. Hall laid down some principles very clearly. He showed that the usual mode of contribution is too partial, too uncertain, and spasmodic; and he urges the duty of regular "laying by in store":—

"I know at this moment a minister who makes this statement; that when he has received his quarter's salary, he takes out of it at the beginning, from the front of the pile, that which he feels it his special duty give to God, and he lays it before the

Lord in prayer, and consecrates it solemnly to God as God's. He has been known to declare that even at the communion table he has not realized more tenderly or vividly what the Lord is to him, and he is to the Lord, than when he has been in the act of consecration. Now, we wish to spread that spirit over the church, among ministers, elders, and people. The thing cannot be done all at once, but it is the point at which we should keep driving, and we are, I think, as a committee, agreed that in this way, and for the first time, we shall be able to furnish a source of supply that will be steady, reliable, and sure. We are prepared to admit that there are difficulties about this matter. If you take the proportion of one-tenth, possibly it might press unequally, appearing to be very little to some, and much to others. But we feel that the difficulties are such as are necessarily incident to human nature. We are unanimously of the opinion that the church will make a great step in advance, when a considerable number of the people shall have risen to this New Testament principle of dedicating on God's day under a deep sense of obligation to God, an amount in such proportion as God, in His providence, may have blessed them with. We have been already taught by Scripture and observation, and happy experience, that six-sevenths of our time taken to ourselves, and one-seventh given to the Lord, is vastly better than seven-sevenths taken to ourselves. Why should not we come to the same conclusion, in the same manner, that nine-tenths of our property to ourselves, with one-tenth to the Lord, with the division made upon a fixed and definite principle, and the true spirit of New Testament consecration, that it will be better for us, all around, for the church and the world, than if we take ten tenths to ourselves, giving only in the casual and desultory way in which we are, many of us, in the habit of doing at this present time?"

It is expected that the Five Million Fund will prove not only a blessing itself, but also the means of educating the church to higher and nobler sacrifice and effort.

### SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ST. JOHN'S HALIFAX JUVENILE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Your committee have much pleasure in presenting the Second Annual Report of the St. John's Juvenile Missionary Society; but in so doing, they are not in a position to entertain you with anything very new, as all the facts communicated from the field