

Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, which was again read, and is as follows:—

MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The Board of Managers beg leave to lay before the Synod the Annual Report for the year ending on the 1st July instant.

During the year the Managers have received the sum of £460 18s 7d from the following sources, viz:—

From Congregational Collections,	- - - -	£202	18	7
“ Ministers' Individual Contributions,	- - - -	193	10	0
“ Professors of Queen's College,	- - - -	4	10	0
“ Revenue of monies invested by the Board	- - - -	60	0	0

The Managers have much gratification in being able to state, that the income from every one of these sources has been greater during the last year than during the one preceding, and a growing interest in the Scheme, on the part of the people, is evident from the fact, that 22 Congregations have to a considerable extent augmented their collections. But it must be evident to the Synod, that there is still ample room for increased liberality on the part of the Congregations, for in looking over the collections, it will be found that 8 Congregations contribute as the Annual Collection from each, a sum less than £1,—several being only 10s. each, and one being 7s. 9d.

12	Congregations	contribute	each	about	£3
2	“	“	“	“	6
2	“	“	“	“	7
1	“	“	“	“	15
1	“	“	“	“	18
1	“	“	“	“	19
1	“	“	“	“	20

A great increase to these collections may surely be looked for, when the benefits likely to accrue to the Church from the working of this Fund become more generally known.

It is the duty of the Board to inform the Synod, that eight Ministers have made no collection in aid of this fund for the year just terminated, although strictly enjoined to do so by order of Synod, as fully set forth in the Acts and Proceedings for 1847, Sept. 13th, fol. 16, and the Managers leave to the Synod the taking of such steps regarding these its members as may to it appear right under the circumstances.

Their names are as follow:—

(Four of these have since paid and their names are withdrawn.)

Rev. Archibald Colquhoun,	Presbytery of Kingston.
“ Thomas Johnston,	“ Toronto.
“ Alexander Ross,	“ “
“ Alexander McKid,	“ Hamilton.