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

SYNOD FUND.

I suppose it is quite allowable for each convener of a church scheme to believe that the one he is connected with is the most important scheme of all. Synod-going people must have observed that this is almost invariably the case as set forth in convener's reports, given in each year. As convener of the Synod Fund I have for several year's past looked upon this as one of the most important parts of our church machinery, and I have noticed that while in regard to other funds with which we have to do, the interest in them soon passes away after the reading of the report; in the case of the Synod Fund, the interest increases rapidly, and sometimes becomes greatest at the close of the Synod. It will not be difficult for those who know the objects of the fund to account for this feeling on the part of Synod members. It is natural that many of us, whose incomes are remarkable for their smallness, should feel interested in the state of a fund to which we have been accustomed to look for the amount of our travelling expenses to and from

Synod, and also out of which must be paid the expenses incurred by Union delegates, the Synod Clerk's salary, printing, stationery, postage, &c. The difficulty, however, is not in getting ministers and elders to feel an interest in this scheme, but the difficulty is to get our congregations to feel sufficient interest in it to contribute liberally towards it. As the collection for this fund will be made soon after the April number of the RECORD reaches our congregations, this is perhaps the last time to say a few words about what is expected for the coming Synod. Our report to last meeting shows a balance on hand of \$61, after the payment of \$302 for travelling expenses of members to and from Synod, and \$96 on expenses of Delegates to the Montreal Conference. Had all the Delegates been paid we must either have called upon the members to give up their claims for expenses incurred in coming to Synod, or have run the fund in debt to meet the demands upon it. Fortunately three of the Delegates declined to receive anything from the Fund, and to