

ingly desirous, both, that it should not be reduced, and that the grants be more liberal than they are; yet the capital must be reduced, and the grants also, unless the church awakes to a sense of her duty towards her aged ministers. If ministers had such incomes that they could accumulate money, a fund for their widows and orphans, or for aged and infirm ministers, would not be needed, unless to meet very exceptional cases, but till the church rises to a much higher degree of spirituality, and pours more freely into the Lord's treasury, both funds must be vigorously supported. The governments of the world make some provision for persons disabled in their service, and surely the church of God should not neglect, or deal with niggard hand, with those who have expended their energies in doing her work. The largest grants made at present are only \$250,00 a year. Some of those persons on the roll have no other means of subsistence, and, I ask, is it creditable to us as a church, that the sum necessary to secure even this pittance should not be forthcoming? I am satisfied that the lack arises from want of information, and that if the members of the church were only aware of the necessity that exists for more liberal aid, it would not be wanting. I plead now for a larger income, and I do so, not on behalf of the aged and infirm ministers alone, but on behalf of congregations to whom some of them are trying to minister when they feel not able for the work, but because they have no means of retiring from work they love, and cannot now perform in any measure as they would like. None of those now on the fund are in charge of congregations, but some in charge of congregations, would willingly give place to younger men if they could. It would be for the advantage of such congregations, and thus of the church as a whole, if old and infirm men could retire from charge of congregations, and work otherwise for the Lord as He might enable them.

Let me also remind the Church, that this Fund has no connection with the Widow's Fund, except that the collection for both has been, in the Canada Presbyterian Church, taking up together. If money is sent in for one of these funds, the other gets none of it. If it is sent for both, it is divided. Those sending money should remember this fact, and state when sending, whether the amount is for both, or, if for one only, which it is for.

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Fund of the late C. P. Church.

Woodstock, 15th Nov., 1876.

REV. JAMES FRASER CAMPBELL.

Last month we had a short reference to Mr. Campbell's visit to Newfoundland. We have since received from himself a more detailed account, but, as we have already had the cream of it, it is unnecessary to give this letter in full. The concluding portions of it, however, give additional intelligence which will be read with interest.

A<sup>b</sup>oard S.S. CASPIAN, 28th Sept. 1876.

My admiration was aroused in St. John's by the conduct of two young ladies, of whom I must tell you, in hope of its proving a stimulus and encouragement to some among ourselves. When in England, three years ago, Mr. Hall was appealing for help towards the education and spiritual care of the people of Newfoundland. Among other results, the elder of these young ladies offered to come out and teach in some neglected out-post, where she could labour for Christ. Mr. Hall, on enquiry, heard the highest accounts of her qualities, and of her work in connection with her sabbath-school; and accepted her offer; only, by advice, it was arranged that she was to open a sort of model or training school in St. Johns, from which teachers less highly qualified could be sent to various out-posts. A younger sister afterwards offered to join her, just as the work was extending so as to be too much for one. And now, here are these young ladies, highly educated and accomplished, having left their parents and luxurious home in one of the western suburbs of London, labouring away in Newfoundland, supported by their own private means, and contributing besides to the expenses of the Christian work with which they have connected themselves. I doubt not there are those among us who would do likewise for India or Formosa.

The "Caspian" left St. John's about daylight on Friday morning, and so far we have had a most pleasant voyage for the season. The three days at first were a little rough, but then followed three charming summer-like days, and though we have since had a strong breeze it has been pretty smooth. It has been sufficiently full of incident too, and not only of the lighter kind: as serious ones as the beginning and the end of life; for we have had a birth and a death. The latter was awfully sudden. The man, a steerage passenger, had been ailing, and was going "home" hoping to improve in his native air; he even felt better that morning, but dropped dead while washing himself, leaving his stricken widow and her six fatherless children to finish their voyage