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TO THE EDITORS OF THE CHURCH CHRONICLE.

Sirs,—May I be permitted through your pages to enquire of the Committee of the Church Endowment Fund, what progress that fund is making? As a subscriber to that fund, I think it but right that I (with many others, whose subscriptions have been paid up,) should know the result of that effort which we had proudly hoped would have been such a boon to our Church. We hear nothing of it, but desponding hopes and painful regrets—a state of things we should not allow to continue. Surely we, as a large and influential body of people, are not going, I trust, to leave this matter in a state of abeyance, or let it die from want of interest; and whilst we are perfectly aware that the Committee have not the management of the funds after they are collected, and impute to them no dereliction of duty, for a failure in this respect, yet we, as subscribers, should certainly not have been displeased had they kept the matter more perseveringly before the defaulters. I trust, Mr. Editor, some response will be given to this, as we feel somewhat aggrieved that the grand intention of the fund has not been attained. The coming autumn will be five years since some of the subscriptions were paid in full; and from the present aspect of affairs it may be fifty years before anything more definite is arrived at. If the plan is not to be carried out, it were better to say so than merely hear the echo to the constant enquiry put by the poorer subscribers who have paid, “What has become of the endowment fund?” If the original plan is not to be carried out, let us do what we can, and use what funds the better disposed and more liberal churchmen will give; but let us not fall into disgrace by beginning and not being able to finish.

I am yours, &c.,

A SUBSCRIBER TO THE FUND.

Rev. Sirs,—Allow me to thank you very much for your paper. It fills a felt void; it wipes off from our Church a disgrace. It prevents the frequent remark, that our Church, though wealthy, is too mean to support a paper devoted to its own interest. For my own part, I shall be very glad to help you in any way that I can, and amongst other things by contributing now and then in a humble way to your pages. As a first instalment, I venture to offer some thoughts that have occurred to me in reading your last number.

The friends of the D. C. S. cannot but be grateful to you for the prominent position you have given to that Society among the aids to the Church in this diocese. It is a deserved position. That Society is destined to be the main prop and effectual handmaid of the Church of the future. Of the Endowment Fund we cannot hope much. The character of its constitution, the reluctant assent which some of our best churchmen have in consequence felt themselves obliged to give to it, the strange conduct of one of its chief supporters in withholding his contribution when due; all these things forbid the hope of that Fund being of any great use or benefit for a long time to come. The D. C. S., however, stands on a very different footing. It is universally popular. It has the confidence and sympathy of all parties. It is well managed. It has an able and indefatigable secretary, whom we know to be to respect and love. And therefore it is in every way calculated to succeed—to become what its friends hope to make it, “the instrument for effecting the progress of the Church.” We must all remember, however, that its success depends not only upon its organization and popularity, but also upon the active efforts and