

MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

REPORT OF THE MANAGERS FOR 1860 AND 1861.

The Board of Managers submit the following report:—

The country has been gradually recovering from past depression. An abundant harvest was gathered into the garner of the husbandmen of the Province, and the Scheme has participated in the general prosperity. It evidently holds a sure and firm place in the affections of the people.

The collections have this year been on the whole of a gratifying character.

Full details with regard to the financial position of the Board will be found in the Treasurer's Report, which it is needless here to recapitulate.

While some congregations contribute steadily to the Fund, others dole out petty sums with a miserable parsimony that does discredit to the Christian profession.

In last Report the Managers stated the belief that in two or three years an augmentation might be made to the existing annuities. The Board still cherish this hope, although they think that the permanent investment of the Fund should have augmented to Forty Thousand Dollars Currency, before any increase can be made with entire confidence, that the Board will be able to maintain the increased rate with regularity. While looking forward to the prospect of being enabled at no distant date to augment the small annuities now enjoyed by the Widows and Orphans of Ministers. The Board have real pleasure in being able to state that even now in the infancy of the Fund, the average of the annuities paid, is equal to that of the old and long tried Fund of the Church of Scotland. It will be the aim of the Board by cautious management to give to this Scheme a like position of stability and large usefulness.

The Board have prepared a codification of their existing bye-laws which they have adopted. They have also adopted a number of new bye-laws regulating various matters of detail and practical management, several of which are adopted from the rules of the Fund of the Church of Scotland. They submit both to the Synod in printed shape for their information.

They have also prepared a Tabular Statement of the payments made to the Fund by each congregation since the commencement. This they designed to print for the use of the Fund, but finding that it will involve the expenditure of about Two Hundred Dollars to do so, they invite the opinion of the Synod as to the prudence of the step, in view of the advantages likely to result therefrom to the Fund.

The number of annuitants on the Roll is now seventeen, one the late Mrs. W. Bell, has been removed by death, and the widow of the Rev. James Anderson has been added.

The congregations having Ministers on the Roll of the Synod, who have neglected to contribute, are nine, and there are eighteen charges without Ministers that have not remitted collections, although Presbyteries were strongly enjoined to take order that it be done.

The Synod should see that its instructions as a Presbyterian judicatory are not systematically set at naught.

The members of the Board who retire are the Reverend William Snodgrass, and Messrs. William Edmonstone, and J. S. Hunter, who was elected by the Board in the room of W. Gordon Mack, Esquire, resigned.

All which is submitted.

ALEX. MATHIESON, D.D., *Concener.*

J. S. HUNTER, *Secretary.*

Montreal, 27th May, 1861.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer has the honour to submit the following Report—  
1860.

RECEIPTS OF THE YEAR.

May 21. To Balance on hand from last year,..... \$636 61

" Congregational Collections as follow:—

Arrears from last year.

Received from	per		
June 7. Westminster,.....	Rev. James McEwen,	\$	8 00
Saltfleet & Binbrook,...	" Hugh Niven,...		12 00
Whitby, vacant charge, Mr. Wm. Laing,....			24 00
Bromley, Gratton and Wilberforce,.....	Rev. W. T. Canuing,		6 00
Paisley,.....	" K. McLennan,...		4 00
Dundas,.....	" James Herald,...		9 00
Flamboro' West,.....	" " " " " "		16 05
Aug. 21. Nalmut,.....	" A. Colquhoun,...		4 00
Sept. 15. Cote St. George, elder,.....	Mr. J. B. McCuaig,...		8 00

1861.

Jan. 9. Fiach, for 1860,..... Rev. Don. Monroe,.... 12 00

Total arrears received,..... \$103 65

Congregational Collections for this year.

Jan. 9. Arnprior,.....	Rev. Wm. Johnson, M. A.,.....	\$	10 60
10. St. Andrew's, Hamilton,.....	" Robert Burnet,...		50 00
Woodstock,.....	" Jas. Stuart,....		3 45
11. Kitley,.....	Rev. D. Evans,.....		10 00
Valcartier,.....	" D. Shanks,....		2 00
Chatham, C. W.,.....	" Jno. Rannie,...		12 00
14. St. Andrew's, Montreal,.....	" A. Mathieson, D. D.,.....		160 00
15. Mount Forest,.....	" John Hay,....		4 00
18. Guelph,.....	Mr. D. Allan, elder,...		20 00
19. Brock and Reach,....	Rev. John Campbell, Peterborough,.....		14 00
Ottawa,.....	" J. S. Douglas,...		8 00
Pickering,.....	" A. Spence,...		38 60
L'Orignal,.....	Mr. Jas. Madill, elder,...		12 28
Hawkesbury,.....	Rev. G. D. Ferguson, " " " " " "		12 06
22. Cornwall,.....	" H. Urquhart, D. D.,.....		30 00
St. Andrew's, Hamilton,.....	" Robert Burnet, additional,...		4 00
St. Andrew's, Quebec,.....	" Jno. Cook, D.D.,		100 00
23. St. Andrew's, Wolfe Island,.....	" G. Pooleous,...		10 00
24. St. Paul's, Montreal,...	" W. Snodgrass,...		165 00
Goderich,.....	" A. Mackid,....		25 30
King,.....	" Jas. Carmichael,...		10 00
Orangeville,.....	" W. E. Mackay,...		6 00
26. Newmarket,.....	" John Brown,....		12 00
St. Andrew's, Wilhamstown,.....	..... Jas. Dingwall,.....		10 00
Hornby,.....	John McMillan, Treas.		4 00
Trafalgar,.....	" " " " " "		3 00
Milton,.....	F. McCallum,.....		6 65
28. King,.....	Rev. John Tawse,...		7 00
Kingston,.....	" John Machar, D. D.,.....		84 00
Martintown,.....	P. W. Conroy, Session Clerk,.....		15 00
Niagara,.....	Rev. Chas. Campbell, " John Davidson,...		20 00
29. North Williamsburgh,...	" Wm. Bain,.....		12 00
Jan. 30. St. Andrew's, Perth,...	Rev. " " " " " "		11 00
Bathurst,.....	" " " " " "		3 10
Donation from a friend, " " " " " "			4 00
Whitby,.....	" K. MacLennan,...		24 00
Oxford,.....	" Jos. Evans,...		3 00
31. Vaughan,.....	" D. Ross,.....		20 00
St. Andrew's, Toronto, " John Barclay, D. D.,.....			55 00
" Woolwich, " James Thom,...			8 00
Ormsdown,.....	" J. Anderson,...		9 25
Febr. 1. Melbourne,.....	" Jas. Siveright,...		25 67
2. St. Andrew's, Fergus, A. D. Fordyce, elder, Arthur,.....	Rev. John Whyte,...		24 15
6. St. Louis de Gonzague, North Georgetown,...	" James T. Paul,...		5 00
7. Hemmingsford,.....	" James C. Muir,...		12 00
13. St. Matthew's Church, Osnabruok,.....	" J. Patterson,...		11 43
16. Bayfield & Varna,....	" Robt. Dobie,....		16 00
Stirling,.....	" H. Gibson,....		12 00
Wawanosh,.....	" Alex. Buchan,...		15 00
18. North Easthope,....	" Wm. Barr,....		5 00
20. Saltfleet & Binbrook,...	" William Bell,....		4 00
21. Markham,.....	" Hugh Niven,...		12 00
23. Nelson & Waterdown,...	" A. Barker,....		8 00
27. McNab and Horton,...	" Dr. Skinner,...		14 00
Lachine,.....	" Geo. Thomson,...		12 50
28. Thorah,.....	" Wm. Simpson,...		16 00
Ramsay,.....	" D. Watson,....		26 00
March 6. Buckingham & Cumberland,.....	" Jno. McMorine,...		12 40
8. Williams,.....	" P. Lindsay,....		16 00
11. Darlington,.....	" Rob. Stevenson,...		5 25
Nattawasaga,.....	" J. H. McKerras,...		12 33
12. Beauharnois,.....	" J. Campbell,....		14 07
Chateaugay,.....	" F. P. Sym,....		24 00
14. N. Dorchester,.....	" " " " " "		3 25
Hope,.....	" Wm. McEwen,...		6 00
15. Huntingdon,.....	" David Camclon,...		7 00
Packenham,.....	" Alex. Wallace,...		9 00
20. Matilda,.....	" Alex. Mann,....		12 00
	" Thos. Scott,....		4 00