

The following shows how the new effort for Endowment stood on the 30th April last:—

Total amount subscribed.....	\$135,009.11
" " paid in.....	121,597.33
Adding to the above the old Capital of \$15,550, the Fund is:—	
Total subscribed.....	\$150,559.11
" " paid up.....	127,147.83

In the last Report reference was made to the David Maurice Wright bequest, which was expected to yield about \$9,000 to the Fund, and the intention expressed to have the estate taken over by the Church and a bond given, as authorized by the last Assembly, for the due payment of the legacies. The illness and subsequent death of Dr. Reid prevented the Committee from carrying this out. Action has since been taken to have the estate handed over to the Church, and the matter has been placed in the hands of Mr. J. A. Paterson that it may be so transferred. In the meantime only the amount actually paid over, viz.: \$3,560, has been entered in the foregoing statement of the Endowment.

It is only fair to state that Ministers in charge could greatly aid your Committee by co-operation in presenting the claims of the Fund and arranging for the Agent to address their congregations. It seems to be frequently forgotten that, it is the Assembly that has ordered the work to be prosecuted.

EASTERN SECTION.

Collections were received from one hundred and forty-five congregations. The number of congregations reported in 1895 as contributing was one hundred and thirty-seven; in 1894, one hundred and thirty-two.

One hundred and twenty-four ministers were connected with the Fund as contributors at the close of the ecclesiastical year. Fourteen names were added during the year to the list of members; three names were removed.

The number of annuitants on the Fund at the beginning of the year was twenty-one. Of these two were removed by death, viz., Rev. Wm. McCulloch, D.D., and Rev. J. B. Logan.

The report is in striking contrast with the one presented last year. At that time, in spite of earnest efforts in the interests of the Fund, your Committee had to report an expenditure considerably in excess of revenue, the number of annuitants constantly increasing, and—by far the worst feature—an apparent lack of interest on the part of many ministers. But the year 1894-95 proved to be a season of sowing, and now we are reaping. The collections from congregations during the year just closed were one-half larger than those of the year before. The rates from ministers increased from \$491.17 to \$1,132.06. Thus your Committee was able to pay annuitants the usual amounts, meet general expenses, and reduce the adverse balance with which the year opened.

Encouraging as these facts are, we must not for a moment indulge the thought that the Fund has entered upon such an era of prosperity that we may safely relax our efforts. The financial statement herewith presented, shows in a marked way that the success of the Fund depends entirely upon the general co-operation of ministers, that as they rally to its support all obligations can easily be met, and thus in the day of our brother's adversity, or in the evening of his life, we can stretch out a helping hand and prove our brotherhood in Christ Jesus.

Inasmuch as frequent changes in the regulations awaken mistrust, your Committee would deprecate further alterations. At last until the rules now in force have been sufficiently tested.

In the afternoon of Saturday a large party of the commissioners took a sail around the lake on the steamer A. J. Tyron. Others went across to Niagara and other points.

Assembly Services.

The services yesterday in Central church were attended by enormous crowds. At the morning service Rev. A. Robertson, of New Glasgow, preached. At 2.30 p.m. a united Sunday school service was held, most of the city Sunday schools being largely represented. Rev. E. Scott, of Montreal, and Rev. Dr. Bruce, of St. John, N.B., and several others, delivered short addresses bearing upon Sunday schools and their work. At four o'clock the Assembly Communion service was held. The Moderator presided and was assisted by ex-Moderators Revs. Dr. Robertson and Sedgwick, Rev. Jas. Herdman, of Calgary, conducted the seven o'clock service. A young people's mass meeting was held at 8.30 p.m. Rev. R. D. Fraser, of Bowmanville, presided, and delivered an address.

This Week's Proceedings.

Among the pleasant experiences of Monday morning were the invitation to a reception at Government House, the telegram from Dr. Robinson, accepting the Professorship at Knox College, and the resolution congratulating Rev. Principal Caven on his academic honor of LL.D., from Toronto University. Thereafter the reports of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund (eastern and western section, and of the Canada Synod, in connection with the Church of Scotland) were presented and adopted.

Summaries of the reports are as follows:—

Widows' And Orphans' Fund.

MARITIME PROVINCES.

The Committee of the Presbyterian Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the Maritime Provinces, reports as follows:

The receipts during the past year have been as follows:

From Ministers' rates.....	\$1,530 61
From fines and interest on arrears.....	65 00
From interest and dividends.....	4,205 68
From collections and donations.....	186 85
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	\$5,988 31

The expenditures have been:

For annuities to Widows and Orphans.....	\$4,014 98
For salaries and expenses.....	471 35
For cost of actuary's examination of scheme..	200 25
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	\$4,686 58

Leaving a balance of..... \$1,301 73

to be added to our capital fund, which now amounts to \$93,921.16.

The increase of capital is not as large as in former years. The causes of this have been that while no legacies have been received, there has been a decrease in the dividends and market value of some of our bank stock, a slight decrease in the amount collections, and an increase in expenditure owing to the investigation of our affairs which the committee thought proper to institute. On the other hand, it is to be noted that the amount from ministers' rates is the largest received in any one year.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS'—IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

The Board reports:—One annuitant died during the year, Mrs. R. G. MacLaren, on July 10th, 1895. Two additions have been made to the list of annuitants, viz.: Mrs. Wm. Canning, of Mountain, and the children of the late Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, of Toronto. The number of annuitants is forty-three. The receipts to May 1st, 1896:

Balance from last year.....	\$4,019 18
Interest from Investments.....	6,149 21
Congregational Collections.....	709 23
Ministers' Contributions.....	1,225 00
Returned Loans.....	7,800 00
Temporary Loan.....	486 00
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	\$20,388 62

Following are the assets:

Mortgages on Real Estate.....	\$101,350 00
Corporation Stock valued at.....	5,460 00
Cash in the Merchants' Bank.....	5,487 35
Interest Receivable to June 1st.....	830 25
Real Estate awaiting sale.....	3,000 00
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	\$116,127 60

Retiring Ministers.

The following ministers were placed on the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund:—Revs. Dr. Isaac Murray, H. B. MacKay, Dr. Wishart, William Lochead, Dr. James, W. S. Ball, Dr. Gregg, George Bell, J. S. Burnett, Wm. Forrest, Dr. Sutherland.

A resolution was given notice of by Rev. Principal Caven, D.D., seconded by Rev. Principal King, D.D., on the Manitoba School Question, which will be given in Tuesday's proceedings when the debate will take place.

Overtures regarding the appointment of a general committee to manage the funds of the Church were ordered to be printed and sent down to Presbyteries and Synods for report at next Assembly.

Church and Manse Fund.

Rev. Dr. Robertson presented this report the substance of which appeared in our last issue. The report was adopted.