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

WE are glad to learn that, in the Presbytery of Pictou, the attention of the people is being strongly attracted to the Widows' Fund. Two thousand dollars was the amount proposed at the Synod to be levied upon that Presbytery. Of this amount, the town of Pictou has contributed, we are given to understand, the very handsome sum of eight hundred dollars. New Glasgow, in proportion to its wealth, will not, we are satisfied, fall behind. Indeed, we know that, at the last Presbytery examination held in that congregation, several liberal subscriptions were promised; and more are forthcoming. In Stellarton and Westville, a very lively sympathy was manifested on behalf of this important scheme; and a creditable figure will appear opposite to these names in due time. By three members of the West Branch, E. R. of Pictou, ten dollars each were subscribed,—of which fourteen are in the hands of the Pictou treasurer, Mr. Hislop. And from other congregations we hear that contributions are being collected. Altogether, we feel confident that, ere next meeting of Synod, Pictou will not fail to give a good ac-

count of itself in this matter. Let each of the country congregations of that Presbytery resolve to raise \$100 to \$150, and the thing will be accomplished. We understand that an objection has been raised to this scheme in some quarters on the ground that it was started in connection with the Union movement. But this is a complete mistake. The proposal to establish a Widows' Fund originated years before Union was contemplated. And now that the consummation of Union seems on all hands unlikely to be effected for the present, its establishment is all the more essential to the security of our Church. Moreover, were Union to take place at once, it would by no means necessarily follow that we should consent to the consolidation of our Widows' Fund with that of the other Churches. But such considerations may, meanwhile, be left out of account. Union or no Union, a Widows' Fund is an indispensable element in every healthily-constituted Presbyterian Church—above all, in one that prides itself upon its connection with the Church of Scotland, and professes its resolve to hold fast the customs of that Church. Halifax has