

TORONTO, DECEMBER 25TH, 1888.

MY DEAR SIR,

You are probably aware that the General Assembly of our Church at its last meeting passed a resolution, the purport of which was, to make up for past neglect of the claims of the Aged Servants of God in the Ministry, by raising a small fund which would not only prevent deficiency year by year in the small allowance of \$200.00 to each, but raise the amount to something adequate to the requirements.

Business men, and especially successful business men, may wonder why no adequate effort has been put forth long ere this time in the direction now proposed, but so rapid has been the growth of our Church, and so much has attention been directed in the line of Home and Foreign Missions and Colleges, that the Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers has received a very small modicum of the attention which, in common fairness, their case demanded.

If we remember that gentlemen in the civil service have provision made according to years of service, from four-tenths to seven-tenths of their salary—that the Episcopal Church, in some sections at least, have retiring allowances up to \$600.00, while Methodists and Baptists have about \$400.00, surely it is not asking too much from our Church that its retiring servants should have more than \$200.00 a year.

To accomplish anything like what is needed would require a capital of \$500,000, but unless some generous friends yield a hearty support, the modest request of the Assembly for \$200,000 will not be realized.

An effort is to be made shortly. The Committee have asked me to call on the friends in the Church with a view of raising the desired amount. J. K. Macdonald, Esq., Convener of the Committee, will be able, it is hoped, to visit with me some of the leading centres, and I entertain the expectation that you will be so interested in the good work, and by prayerful consideration so led to regard its claims, as to gladden the heart of the Church by a generous response.

I am, my Dear Sir,

Yours sincerely,

WM. BURNS.

TORONTO, December 25th, 1888.

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You are probably aware that the General Assembly of our Church at its last meeting passed a resolution the object of which was to make up for the deficit of the funds of the Ministry, by raising a small fund which would not only prevent a deficiency year by year in the small allowance of \$200.00 to each, but raise the amount to something adequate to the requirements.

Business men, and especially successful business men, may wonder why no adequate effort has been put forth long ago, this time in the direction now proposed, but so rapid has been the growth of the Church, and so much has attention been directed in the case of Home and Foreign Missions and Colleges, that the Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers has received a very small amount of the attention which, in common fairness, their case demanded.

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I am, my Dear Sir,

Yours sincerely,

WM. BURNS

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