

THE LOWDEN FUND—CONTRIBUTION FROM SCOTLAND.

To the Editor of the Canada U. P. Magazine.

My Dear Sir—May I hope you will allow me a brief space in your Magazine to state the result of my efforts, on behalf of the family of the late Rev. A. Lowden, of New Glasgow, C. E. As soon as I received the melancholy intelligence of his sudden death, in May last, I resolved to do what I could in this country, to procure some aid for those he had left behind him in straitened circumstances. I had strong hopes that if *his* living labours, and *their* desolate condition, were brought under the notice of the friends of the Saviour here, Christian affection would remember them both. In this confidence I have applied for relief to the bereaved family, as far as opportunity would allow me; and I am happy to announce, I have realised £109 sterling, for this object. I should have rejoiced if the sum had been larger, but I am sincerely thankful for this amount. Since this subscription was commenced I have learned that the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada have appointed a Committee to take charge of all funds raised there, for this family; I think, therefore, I cannot do better than place the above sum at their disposal, and I accordingly dispatch a Bank Order for £109 sterling to their Convener, to be laid out for the end specified, as they shall see cause.

It affords me great pleasure to say, that I have very generally met a kind reception wherever I have asked aid in this case. It must be gratifying to the servants of Christ, in Canada, to know that a deep interest is felt in their labors, by many of their fellow Christians in this country. I fondly hope that this fruit of Christian liberality, small though it be, will tend to sustain some laborers in retired fields of ministerial toil in Canada, as they discover here proof that those dear to them will not be forgotten when they are taken away from them. In this labor of love, it has been to my mind a most cheering thought, that every mite added to this bounty has been an answer from God, to his servant's last prayers on earth; and I doubt not, when occasion calls for it, others will be found as ready in this way, to seek an answer to the dying requests of those, who now faithfully labor for Christ, when they shall have fallen asleep.

I trust I shall not be thought to overstep the bounds of Christian liberty, when, from this side the Atlantic, I make free to commend the family of my dear departed friend to the liberality of our Churches in Canada. This is the first instance, as far as I am aware, since the commencement of our Canadian Mission in which they have had the widow and fatherless children of our ministers cast on them; and I earnestly hope they will show how willingly they receive such a trust from their Lord. I can assure them they will thus afford needed help to a worthy family of a worthy servant of Jesus Christ. I knew him well before he left this country, and always esteemed him highly for his transparent simplicity, and sterling piety. Last year I paid a visit to him in his sphere of labor at New Glasgow; I heard him in the pulpit, I saw him among his attached people, and could not but admire the unction, the zeal, and the self-denial with which he fulfilled his ministry. I travelled with him many miles along a road on which he was often wont to journey, and was delighted to observe how cordially all responded to his cheerful greeting by the way, and hailed him as a friend. He was a frank, amiable, good man.—He was a faithful, devoted, useful, servant of the Lord Jesus,—a witness to his truth in the midst of popish superstitions and the world's indifference to religion around him. It is well known, if he had sought *his own* more, those he loved might not this day have been left in such straits. I trust that many Christian hearts in Canada will be opened to minister to their necessities, and “to remember the words of the Lord Jesus how he said, ‘it is more blessed to give than to receive.’” Think not, Christian giver, that your Lord will forget this kindness. The happy day will soon come, when He will own it as done.