

THE MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

We would remind our readers that the annual collection for this important object is appointed to be taken upon the first Sabbath of January next. We therefore insert last year's Report of the Board, and also the Treasurer's Report, by which it will be seen that there were in May last 14 widows on the Fund, while no less than three widows have since been added to the list of annuitants. We know of no object which has stronger claims upon the Christian liberality of our people. Here and there some few objectors will exclaim, "Why can't the minister provide for his widow and children?" "Why do not the people provide sufficiently for his temporal wants to enable him so to do?" And, "Why indeed do they not?" We reply. All this is very plausible in theory, but we have to deal with stern facts and things as they are; and, with reference to this matter, it is beyond dispute that on this Continent ministers, as a class, are not so remunerated as to enable them to provide for their families. The farmer who can leave a well cultivated farm behind him, the merchant who accumulates a sufficiency, the mechanic who has enough and to spare, all may leave behind them provision for those most dear to them. But not so, we (laymen ourselves) fearlessly assert, with the underpaid Ministry, who, as a class, are the least remunerated of any profession, trade or calling. Rarely, very rarely, can they even lay by anything for the day of sickness, much less for the support of an orphaned family. Dealing then with things as they are, and not with the imaginations of a well meant optimism, or the pretences of the niggardly, we call upon all our people to come forward generously to the discharge of a plain and evident duty, in their liberal contribution to this excellent Fund, which is lightening the load of care which weighs down many a struggling widow, and is caring for many a helpless orphan. "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord." Bear in mind the duty of Christian benevolence, and contribute as God hath prospered you.

THE CHURCH IN CANADA.

FRENCH MISSION FUND.

The Treasurer of the French Mission Fund acknowledges the receipt of the following:—

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| Per Rev. Alexander Mann, Pakenham.....   | £1 10 0 |
| Per Rev. Dr. Machar, being collections made at a series of Prayer Meetings in St. Andrew's Church, Kingston..... | 15 10 0 |
|  | £17 0 0 |

ARCH. FRIGGSON,

Treasurer.

SUBSCRIPTIONS, &c., IN AID OF THE BURSARY FUND OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

SINCE LAST ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

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| Ottawa Congregation, per W. Hamilton, Esq.....   | £6 10 0  |
| Lochiel Congregation, per Rev. D. Macdonald.....                                       | £5 0 0   |
| Belleville Congregation, per Rev. A. Walker.....                                       | £2 5 0   |
| St. Andrew's Church, Hamilton, per G. A. Young, Esq.....                               | £8 10 0  |
| Students' Missionary Association, Aberdeen, Scotland, per Rev. Dr. George, £7 stg..... | £8 10 4  |
| Nottawasaga Congregation, per Rev. J. Campbell.....                                    | £1 15 0  |
|  | £32 10 4 |

JOHN PATON,  
Secretary to the Trustees.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE,  
Kingston, 17th Nov., 1857.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

We have much satisfaction in announcing the commencement of the Sixteenth Session of this University, which took place on Wednesday, the 7th October. On that day the students in the Faculty of Arts assembled, and the classrooms again assumed the pleasant aspect of activity and animation. In this Faculty there are now 38 students matriculated, a large number of whom intend to enter the Ministry.

The Faculty of Theology was opened on Wednesday, the 4th November, and the number of students is at present 9. We regret much to learn that some delay has been unavoidably caused in the delivery of the Lectures on Theology by the non-appointment of a Principal. A meeting of Trustees will, however, be held on Wednesday, the 2nd December, when arrangements for the discharge of the important duties devolving upon the Theological class will be made. The Rev. Professor Mowat entered upon his new duties at the opening of this Faculty.

Since last session arrangements have been made for the delivery of a course of Lectures on Chemistry, by which the Rev. Dr. Williamson will be relieved from the labours of this class, which he has hitherto taught in addition to his own important chair.

Queen's College School is in a most satisfactory state under the charge of a very efficient teacher. The number of pupils is now 42, and is increasing.

We are glad to see from the monthly notices in our columns that not a few of our congregations are responding to the appeals made on behalf of the Bursary Fund. This is a most deserving Scheme, and is a means of enabling many young men of great promise to study for the Ministry. The congregations who have not yet contributed to the Bursary Fund will, we trust, do so ere it is too late.

The Medical Faculty was opened on the same day as the Theological Faculty. Twenty new students have been enrolled this year. Ten graduated last year. The

number of students attending this session promises to be considerably greater than that of last year, which was fifty-seven.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MELBOURNE, CANADA EAST.

We are much gratified to know of the advancing prosperity of this Church, and the stations connected with it. Two of these stations, it is probable, will soon be supplied with places of worship. At Windsor preparations are so far advanced that on Wednesday, the 14th October, a meeting was held in the school-house for the purpose of choosing Trustees and fixing on a site, when the following were elected viz Messrs. Robert Paterson, John Sampson, James Kerr, Wm. Douglas, Mungo Douglas, Robert Shanks, Rev. Mr. Sievwright, Secretary-Treasurer. There being two sites obtainable, Messrs. M. Douglas and Robert Paterson were appointed to select the best and report. The subscriptions now amount to fully \$200, a sum which of itself bears witness to the earnest desire of the people for stated ordinances weekly. At Brompton Gore the people are subscribing liberally, and we think there is little doubt that before the end of winter all the necessary materials will be collected so as to commence building in the spring.

It is evident from the case of these two stations, that laborers alone are wanted to form many a congregation of our adherents, who are now, unfortunately, uncared for, and of whom numbers, it is to be feared, are forgetting the lessons of their childhood, and becoming utterly careless and indifferent about religion. There is room and to spare for the missionaries who may see it their duty to come over and help us, and in most cases, we firmly believe, they would not long be a burden upon the funds of the Colonial Committee. We cordially welcome the six who have been appointed this year, but how very inadequate is such a number to supply the clamant wants of this colony, with its present large population, and absorbing, as it does, thousands of Scotchmen yearly. May the time soon come when every emigrant ship reaching our shores will bring at least one zealous missionary from the Church of Scotland; and may more of our own youth see it their duty to devote themselves to the service of the Lord as ministers of His Word. May the Lord of the harvest send forth laborers into the harvest.

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The regular Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund was held in the vestry of St. Andrew's Church on the 5th ultimo, at which were present the Rev. Dr. Mathieson, Chairman, J. Greenshields, Treasurer, Alexander Morris, Secretary,