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## CHURCH IN CANADA.

### The Presbyterian.

Four years have come and gone since the publication of the *Presbyterian* was commenced in compliance with a wish generally expressed, and with the view of supplying a want generally felt. Our humble sheet was designed to afford to the Church, to which its conductors belong, and the Members of the Lay Association, whose organ it is, a medium of communication with the various congregations of which it is composed. It was also intended, that its pages should be the channel of conveying intelligence respecting the progress of our Church in Canada, and of the Parent Church in Scotland. It was further the intention to submit to our readers information respecting other religious bodies. These objects we have endeavoured to accomplish, and during the coming year, while strictly keeping in view the design of the originators of the periodical, it is trusted that the conductors will be enabled to make it more interesting to the general readers than it has perhaps been hitherto. With this view several standard British Religious Publications have been subscribed for, by the Lay Association, and every care will be exercised in making interesting selections from their columns. No exertions shall be wanting on the part of the conductors, to make the *Presbyterian* worthy of the position it occupies as the virtual organ of our Church in this Province; but we must continue to rely on our many kind friends co-operating with us, remitting their subscriptions, and endeavouring to maintain and extend our circulation. The amount of subscrip-

tion is very small, but that very fact should induce subscribers to remit promptly. We trust a combined effort will be made by our friends to procure subscribers and collect the subscriptions for the new year as well as the arrears of the past one. An extension of the List of Subscribers is still a desideratum; but the friends of the publication have only to will it, and it will be no longer so. With this first number of a new year we commence giving separate Lists of Subscriptions received for 1852, and for arrears of by-gone years.

## MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The Annual Collection in aid of this important Fund will be taken up in all the Congregations within the bounds of the Synod on an early Sabbath in January. It is of the greatest importance that a vigorous effort be now made to increase this excellent Scheme of our Church, for, short as the space of time is, which has elapsed since its institution, no less a number than four widows and fifteen children are mainly dependent upon it for their support. The annual income at the disposal of the Board of Managers is at present about £90; and it must be obvious that, if the number of claimants on the Fund hereafter increase in the same ratio as during the past three years, the Fund will be quite inadequate to afford relief. The Ministers themselves contribute £3 annually, which, considering their limited means, is as much as it is reasonable to expect from them. Many Congregations in former years have responded most liberally to the call made

upon them; but we regret to say that not a few have evinced a very different spirit. Surely it is not too much to expect that even the poorest of our Congregations should supply annually to the *Widows' and Orphans' Fund* at least as much as their Minister's individual contribution.

## INDUCTION AT NEW RICHMOND.

The Congregation of New Richmond in connection with the Church of Scotland, vacant since the translation of the Rev. John Brooke, A. M., to Fredericton, New Brunswick, in 1842, transmitted to the Presbytery of Montreal a harmonious call in favour of the Rev. John Davidson, formerly of Laprairie, to be their Minister. The Presbytery sustained the call, and, to afford to the Congregation an opportunity of seeing and hearing the interesting and solemn services of the Church on the occasion, to them so important, of placing a Minister over them in the Lord, appointed Mr. Davidson's induction to take place at New Richmond. To accomplish this, the remoteness of New Richmond preventing the Members of Court from personally discharging the duty, the Presbytery agreed most respectfully to request one or more of their Brethren in the Province of New Brunswick to undertake for them this labour of love, and induct Mr. Davidson according to the Rules of the Church. This request was cordially acceded to, and the duty ably performed by the Rev. James Steven, of Campbellton, a warm and esteemed friend of the Congregation, who has watched over its interests from its infancy, visiting and dispensing the ordinances of the Gospel,