

cously from the meeting, though fully in accordance with the views of the Board, and cordially accepted by them, and promptly acted upon, as will be seen in our "special" notices. The meeting altogether indicated the strong hold which the college has upon the churches, the necessity they feel of elevating the standard of material education, and their determination to provide the means for that end.

CANADA CONGREGATIONAL INDIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—The Annual Meeting was held in Montreal on Thursday, 6th June, Rev. Dr. Wilkes, President, in the Chair, Rev. S. N. Jackson, Secretary, read the report. It opened by an emphatic reference to the duty of Canadian Christians to the aborigines of the country. The usual visit to the Stations had been paid by Revs. W. Clarke and R. Robinson in July, 1871. Miss Baylis had laboured efficiently at Spanish River, a new station, last summer, and was again at the same post. W. Barrill was ministering to the church at Saugeen. Peter Keeshick, who had been very ill had removed from She-she gwah-ning (now vacant,) to Cape Crocker, where he was now labouring. The Committee had voted grants to assist in the building of residence at Spanish River and church at Saugeen. Rev. W. Clarke, after efficient service as agent, had been compelled, by advancing years, to resign his post. Rev. R. Robinson had offered his services as missionary in the field (in summer), and agent (in winter). The Committee would accept the offer if ratified by the present meeting. The Treasurer's report exhibited an improved state of the finances, the income having been and the expenditure leaving a balance in hand of.

The motion to adopt the report having given rise to lengthened discussion, especially in relation to the appointment of Rev. R. Robinson, the meeting was adjourned until the next afternoon, when it was agreed to invite the larger attendance of members of the Union, as well as subscribers.

On Friday afternoon, accordingly, the Society met, with an improved attendance, and a free discussion took place,

in the course of which strong doubt was expressed by several speakers as to the obligation and advisableness of the Congregational churches undertaking a mission to the Indians at all; the expense of the collecting agency was freely animadverted upon; and strong protests were made against removing so beloved a pastor as Rev. R. Robinson from his important field at Owen Sound. The result of the debate was the adoption of a resolution, declining to call Mr. Robinson away from his present work, but favouring the appointment of some other suitable (white) missionary, and a request to the churches to make contributions for the mission without the expense of an agent. In response to the latter, a number of pastors of leading churches undertook this responsibility. The report was then adopted, and officers for 1872-73 appointed,—Rev. F. H. Marling being President, in place of Dr. Wilkes who declined reelection, James Fraser Esq., Treasurer, and Rev. S. N. Jackson, Secretary.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—The members of the Congregational Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund Society met in Zion Church, Montreal, on Friday, 7th June, and again by adjournment on Monday, the 10th. There were present on one or other occasion 10 beneficiary members and delegates from the churches at Sherbrooke, Lanark, Brantford, Toronto—Bond Street and Northern, and Warwick.

The Secretary presented the fifteenth annual report. No deaths had occurred among the beneficiaries during the year. The capital now amounted to \$12,435, against \$11,581 last year. The Board proposed a change in the payment of beneficiaries and the annuities, the payments under by-law viii., sections 1, 2, and 3, to be reduced \$2 each; section 4 to be cancelled; in section 5 to substitute "fifty for sixty," numbering it 4; and a new section 5 to be made, under which those who have paid thirty annual subscriptions, or are seventy years of age, to be released from further payments, but retain beneficiary claims; in by-law ix., the annuity to widows to be increased from \$50 to \$100; and in by-