

WIDOWS' FUND.

I regret that I have nothing to acknowledge this month from the Churches. The year's accounts close with May; our friends therefore, who intend to make collections, should lose no time in doing so. Last year the amount from this source was \$87 short of the previous year; this year, thus far, the amount is a little in excess of last, but is sadly below what is looked for.

Only 16 Churches, out of 80 or 90, have contributed. It is a subject that should engage the warm sympathy of them all.

J. C. BARTON, *Treas. W. & O. Fund.*

Montreal, 20th April, 1867.

P. S.—April 24. Received from Rev. A. Duff,—Waterville, \$2; Sherbrooke and Lennoxville, \$17.25.

J. C. B.

News of the Churches.

Missionary Meetings—Eastern District.—At *Vankleek Hill* was held, on Tuesday evening, March 19th, the first of a series of Missionary meetings in the eastern part of this district. The attendance was large, the church being quite filled. Mr. Young occupied the chair, and addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Lumsden (who is at present supplying the pulpit at Vankleek Hill), Rev. Mr. Anderson, Baptist, of Breadalbane, Mr. Boyd, and your correspondent. The subscriptions are liberal; the collection was good, and Mr. Boyd announced at the close that the contributions from Vankleek Hill this year would amount to about sixty dollars.

It had been proposed to have a Missionary meeting at *Hawkesbury Village* also, but, as circumstances did not favor it, it was agreed to have another meeting at "The Hill" on Wednesday evening, 20th, when there was again an excellent attendance.

On the Thursday an esteemed friend, J. P. Wells, Esq., conveyed me to Kenyon, where we were met by one of the brethren from *Indian Lands*. On reaching Indian Lands, I was glad to meet Rev. A. McGregor, of Brockville, the other member of the deputation, who had been prevented by the state of the roads from getting forward to Vankleek Hill. There, too, the church edifice was well filled; and, though other ministers were present—Rev. Messrs. Gordon, of the C. P. Church, and Brierly, Baptist—nearly all the speaking devolved on the deputation; for those brethren (as if fresh from the reading of John Foster on decision of character) persisted in keeping silence, as being present to listen and also to shew their fraternal good will. Mr. McEwen, who occupied the chair, made a few well timed remarks, and, after a good deal of speaking and some good music, subscriptions were paid on the spot with evident cheerfulness, a collection was taken up, and the whole amounted to several dollars beyond last year's contributions.

On Friday, 22nd, at noon, we held a meeting at *Roxboro'*, where contributions also exceeded those of last year; and on the evening of the same day we had a very cheering attendance at *Martintown*. P. Christie, Esq., occupied the chair. Rev. Mr. Mair, Presbyterian, delivered a very friendly and effective address, and the deputation said many things. An excellent choir, consisting of members of different denominations, enlivened the proceedings. The marked attention of a large number of young people was highly gratifying. Contributions in advance of last year. Happy to be able to say the same of Brockville and Ottawa.

Ottawa, April 12th, 1867.

J. E.