

due, \$35 9. Expended on Church or Manse, \$5. All other contributions, \$1 50. Total for congregational purposes, \$123. College Fund, \$1 40. Home Mission Fund, \$24 7. Foreign Mission Fund, \$1 22. Widows' Fund, \$0 74. Assembly Fund, \$1 83. French Evangelization, \$1 45. Kankakee Mission, \$1 38. Total for Schemes of the Church, 32 9. Other benevolent objects, \$0 65. Total contributions for congregational purposes, schemes of the Church, and benevolent objects, \$155 74.

WIDDER AND RAVENSWOOD.—We are glad to hear of the progress at Widder, where the Rev. John McAlpine has recently settled, and of the encouragement which is accorded to the pastor.

MINUTES OF ASSEMBLY.—The Minutes of Assembly are now issued. Single copies have been sent to the various Ministers, and parcels for the Sessions have been sent to the Clerks of the several Presbyteries. Causes entirely beyond the control of the Assembly Clerks, have delayed the publication of the Minutes. Parties requiring additional copies will please communicate with the Rev. W. Reid, Toronto. Copies will be supplied at fifteen cents, including postage.

COLLECTION FOR THE MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND, AND FUND FOR AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

The collection for the Ministers' Widows' Fund, and for the Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers is appointed to be made in all our congregations on the third Sabbath of September. The objects of this collection are most important and interesting, especially in view of the very small salaries, which are, as a general rule, paid to Ministers. The collection, we may state is equally divided between the two objects—the Widows' Fund, and the Fund for Aged and infirm Ministers. In connection with the former object, there are now twenty-one widows as annuitants, besides several children. The state of the Funds will be seen from the accounts of the Church published in the JULY RECORD. In connection with the Widows' Fund, there is a considerable amount invested, although it is desirable still further to increase this amount. For the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, there is very little accumulated, while the number of annuitants may be expected to increase very rapidly. Both to Widows and to Aged and Infirm Ministers, it is desirable to increase the present annuities, as it is felt that they are quite insufficient.

The Committee in behalf of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund wish to call the attention of each member of the Church to Deut. xii. 19, where it is written "Take heed to thyself that thou forsake not the Levite as long as thou livest upon the earth." The Levite began his apprenticeship at 25 years of age, entered fairly on his work at 30, and retired from the weightier duties of his calling at 50. The Lord was his inheritance; of the portion of this world's goods which God claimed, and was to be set apart for His worship, he was to live in age as well as in youth. To-day, also, they who preach the Gospel should live by the Gospel. These, in many instances have only a bare subsistence, and few of them are able to make any provision for declining years, nor should this be necessary. If they, when in their vigour, have sowed to the Church spiritual things, she should see to it that they in their weakness reap her carnal things. We need Ministers; we are taught to ask God to send forth labourers into His harvest, but how can anyone do this, or ask God to bless their labours, if he does little to provide for them when fit for duty, and leaves them in poverty, if not cast off altogether when old age overtakes them. The Committee, for the Min-