

are 1,800 or 2,000 copies compared to the number of adherents to the Church with which we are connected? Or what are 2,000 copies compared to the number in full communion with the Church?

We have now submitted the facts to our readers; and, if they approve of the objects of our publication, and believe it calculated to effect any good, if they think that we have been at all successful in the attainment of those ends which we profess to seek, and in the performance of those duties which devolve upon us, then should they reflect that they also have duties to perform. We ask each reader, who peruses this article, to weigh the matter well, to view it in all its bearings, and then, if he believes that *The Presbyterian* has been, is now, or can be made, the means of doing good, to resolve to aid in the accomplishment of that good. If every subscriber would make an effort to extend our circulation, the amount of individual influence, thus concentrated and brought to bear, would be immense, and the results would be equally great. Surely every subscriber could, without much difficulty, induce at least another to contribute two shillings and six-pence per annum to the sustentation of a Religious Journal. A trifle beyond a half-penny a week is all that we ask; and we rejoice to think that in this country there are few, or none, whose means are so scanty as not to enable them to give to small a sum in return for the perusal of a Monthly Journal which forms a volume of more than two hundred pages of original and selected matter. With this statement and these views before them, we hope our friends will respond to our call, and make another effort to extend the range of our circulation. For ourselves, we are willing to continue our humble labours, for these have been cheered and lightened by the large measure of favour with which *The Presbyterian* has already been honoured; but, while with pleasure we acknowledge this, we feel that we are justified in soliciting a continuance and extension of the countenance bestowed upon us during the past year. With increased exertions on the part of our contributors and subscribers, and with increased care and exertions on our part, we trust *The Presbyterian* may be instrumental in doing some small measure of good during the forthcoming year, if that blessing from on High, which makes the humblest means effective, be vouchsafed us.

## THE CHURCH IN CANADA.

### MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Our readers must have noticed with much satisfaction the progress of this most excellent Charity, as regularly reported in this journal. Taking into consideration the very

short time it has been in operation, we think the success has been such as to show that the people are alive to the claims which the Widows and Orphans of the Clergy have upon them, and are willing to contribute liberally towards the Fund. We take this opportunity of reminding Ministers that the time appointed by the Synod for taking up the Collection in each Congregation in aid of this Charity, is the first Sunday in January; and it is much to be desired that the collection should be made as near the time as circumstances will permit. We hope every Minister will bring this matter prominently before his people; and we feel confident that, when the objects of the Trust are explained, and an earnest appeal made on its behalf, liberal collections will be taken up in every Congregation.

### PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

A meeting of the Presbytery of Hamilton was held in that city on Wednesday last for the purpose of receiving the call from the Congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Galt, in favour of the Rev. John Malcolm Smith. It was agreed that the induction should take place on Thursday, 16th current, the Presbytery to meet in St. Andrew's Church here on that day at eleven o'clock, forenoon.—[*Galt Reporter*, Nov. 4.]

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Hamilton, held at Hamilton on the 1st November, there were two calls presented, the one from the Congregation of Simcoe in favour of the Rev. George Bell, the other from the Congregation of Galt in favour of the Rev. John Malcolm Smith. Both calls were sustained by the Presbytery, and accepted of by the gentlemen to whom they were respectively addressed.

According to the arrangements made, the Presbytery met at Simcoe on Tuesday, the 14th, for the induction of Mr. Bell. The Rev. William King, of Nelson, preached from 1st Tim. 3. 1—"This is a true saying. If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work,"—a sermon replete with learning and sound and instructive views of Church order, showing in what the office of a bishop consisted, that it was a work, a good work, &c., &c. The addresses to the Pastor and the people were given by the Rev. Andrew Bell, of Dundas.

The Presbytery met again at Galt on Thursday, the 16th, for the induction of Mr. Smith. The Rev. Colin Gregor, of Guelph, preached an eloquent sermon from Acts, 13. 26—"Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent." The Rev. Andrew Bell, of Dundas, gave the addresses to the Pastor and people.

In both cases the attendance was numerous and respectable notwithstanding the wretched state of the roads at the present

season; in both cases there was the most hearty welcome accorded by the Congregations to their newly inducted Pastors, and in both cases did the Presbytery enjoy the hospitality of kindest friends.

In Galt, the Congregation being old and in working order, every thing is almost as it should be. The Manse, which is at present the subject of a suit in Chancery, will soon be recovered.

In Simcoe, the Congregation, although young, will soon be even with their neighbours. They have a very handsome brick Church, built in the Gothic style. It is not quite finished inside, but will be early in the spring.

Thus you see, Mr. Editor, we in this Western world are creeping up. At the lamentable secession in 1844 there were left only four Ministers, one of whom afterwards removed to greener pastures. Now we number eleven Ministers in the Presbytery of Hamilton. We only want more Ministers to enable us to rally the great bulk of the Presbyterian people around us.

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The Rev. George Bell, of the Presbyterian Church, in connexion with the Kirk of Scotland, was yesterday inducted into the charge of his flock in Simcoe. The Rev. Andrew Bell, of Dundas, and Rev. Mr. King, of Nelson, assisted in the interesting ceremony. The charge to the congregation and their amiable pastor was delivered by Mr. King in a most impressive manner, and, from all we could observe, made a deep impression on the feelings of the highly respectable auditory. In the evening D. Campbell, Esq., entertained the Clergy and many of the laity of this communion at dinner. We have now the pleasing assurance that henceforth this town will be favoured with the services of a Minister of the Kirk of Scotland—a want which has long been felt and greatly deplored.—[*Simcoe Standard*, November, 15.]

We have much pleasure in laying before our readers copies of Addresses presented to the Rev. G. Bell, on his leaving his late charges, together with that gentleman's replies. The Rev. gentleman appears to have stood high in the estimation, not only of his own Congregation, but of the Clergymen and Members of other religious denominations. We sincerely trust, that Mr. Bell, in the new sphere of labour on which he has entered, may be equally successful as amongst his late flock, and enjoy the esteem and confidence of all the members of the community among whom he is now placed.

TO THE REV. GEORGE BELL.

REV. AND RESPECTED SIR,  
We, the undersigned, Members of the Congregation lately under your pastoral care, cannot allow you to depart from among us, without expressing to you the deep regret we feel at your departure, especially when we call to mind the manifold labours you have put forth, the fatigues you have