

MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

CONGREGATIONAL COLLECTIONS.

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| Chingacousy, per Rev. Thos. Johnson, | £1 | 0 | 0 |
| South Gower, Do Jos. Anderson, | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Salitfleet, Do W. Johnson, | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| L'Original, Do Andrew Bell, | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| Finch, Do Donald Monro, | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Smith's Falls, Do Solomon Mylne, | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| A. SIMPSON, Treasurer. | | | |

Montreal, 1st May, 1854.

There yet remain a few Congregations from which the Annual Collection, which should have been taken up in January, has not been received. It is desirable that no further time should be lost in transmitting the amounts collected to the Treasurer.

CONGREGATION OF BECKWITH.

We might have noticed in our number for February that the Congregation of Beckwith had remitted through us £4 towards aiding the B. & F. Bible Society in sending a million of New Testaments to China. The amount was paid over to the Treasurer of the Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society.

L'ORIGINAL CONGREGATION.

We are informed that the Rev. A. Bell, of L'Original, and his Congregation have raised towards sending the Scriptures to China the sum of £6 5s., which, at the rate the British and Foreign Bible Society proposed furnishing Testaments, viz: 4s. Sterling or 5d. Currency, will pay for 300 copies.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S INDIAN MISSION.

The congregation of St. Paul's Church, Montreal, have remitted their fourth donation of £20 sterling to the Treasurer of the General Assembly's Indian Mission. This as well as the previous remittances were collected at the Missionary Prayer Meeting, held in the Lecture Room on the first Wednesday evenings of the month. The present remittance, however, includes a donation of £10 currency from the Ladies' Benevolent Society of St. Paul's Church.

PRESBYTERY OF BATHURST.

This Presbytery met in the Session-House of St. Andrew's Church, Perth, on the 5th ulto.

The Rev. David Shanks, of Cumberland and Buckingham, having sometime ago received a call from the congregation of Valcartier in the Presbytery of Montreal, was translated to that Presbytery with a view to his settlement at Valcartier.

The Congregations of Cumberland and Buckingham, which formerly constituted one charge, were, upon a memorial from the Congregations, formed according to the laws of our Church into two separate congregations. Each of these congregations expects to be now able to support a minister, and is very anxious to have one speedily settled among them.

Mr. Thomson, of McNab, was appointed to preach at Cumberland and Buckingham on the 1st Sabbath of May; and Mr. Lindsay, of Richmond, at Huntly on the same day, viz., the 1st Sabbath of May.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Bytown in St. Andrew's Church on the 2nd Wednesday of May next at 10 o'clock, A.M., Mr. Mann, of Pakenham, to preach in the evening.

ANNUAL SOIREE &c. OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MONTREAL.

The Annual Soiree and Concert of Sacred Music of the Sabbath School of St. Paul's Church took place on the evening of Tuesday, the 11th April. At half-past six o'clock the scholars, along with those of St. Andrew's Church who, as in previous years, joined in the festivity, assembled in the Lecture-room, and heartily partook of an abundant supply of coffee and the usual accompaniments, which the Teachers of both Schools with much pleasure distributed amongst them. At half-past seven the scholars of both schools withdrew to the allotted pews in the Church, and by eight o'clock the galleries and a large portion of the area of the Church were crowded to overflowing by the parents, members of the congregation, and strangers. The business of the evening having been commenced by the Rev. Dr. Matheson offering up a most appropriate prayer, the *First Part*, commencing with "Sabbath School Celebration," was sung, the scholars being furnished with printed copies of the Hymns and Music, as on former occasions.

The Superintendent, Mr. Gilson of the High School, having read the Report for the past year, the Rev. Dr. McGill called upon Alex. Morris, Esq., Advocate, Superintendent of St. Andrew's Church S.S., to address the meeting. It is out of our power to attempt more than a very brief abstract of his earnest, excellent address, which was received with marked approbation. Suffice it to say that he reminded the audience that the time had happily long since gone by when it was deemed necessary to stand up in defence of S. S. instruction, as the manifold benefits flowing therefrom were now universally acknowledged. He encouraged the teachers to faithful perseverance in the discharge of their important, self-denying labours by reminding them of the affectionate regard with which the "lambs of the flock" are tended by the Great Shepherd, of which, while He sojourned on earth, we have many proofs recorded in the Gospels for our imitation. He was gratified to find from the Report that the Cause of Missions had not been overlooked in the School, as 170 copies had been contributed towards aiding the B. and F. B. S. in the noble design of sending a million of New Testaments to China. In connection with this effort he interested his youthful audience by con-

trasting in a striking manner the population of Canada with that of China, and giving somewhat in detail the circumstances of the occasion from which, consequence of a little boy having prostrated a worthy clergyman whether a small sum of money presented to him might not purchase a few Bibles which might be sent to China, was suggested to the mind of the said benevolent Christian the idea of sending the million of New Testaments: and expressed his conviction that the Church of Scotland did not lag behind in the spirit of Missionary enterprise. Mr. M. concluded by directing attention to the part of the Report which expressed gratitude to the Supreme Dispenser of life and death, as no breach of death had taken place during the year's interval in St. Paul's S. S., urging upon all necessity of watchfulness by reminding them how his predecessor in the superintendency of St. Andrew's S. S. was, within a short week after the last yearly celebration similar to the present, most suddenly, in the inscrutable providence of same Allwise Being, severed from earthly labours and ties. In the interval betwixt the *Second and Third Parts* Rev. Dr. McGill in very appropriate terms briefly addressed the meeting, and understood that much satisfaction was expressed in regard to the manner in which two of the Hymns in the *Third Part* were executed. These are, "Lo! He comes 'tis Zion's King," and "The Sabbath was setting slow amidst the clouds even." Thereafter the pupils presented a handsome dressing-case to Mr. Gilson and a silver card-case to Mrs. Gibson, expressive of their gratitude to both the former for the faithful superintendency of the S. S. for several years, and to the latter for the successful training of pupils in Sacred Song for the last 40 anniversaries. Mr. G., in returning thanks to the scholars for these testimonials, and a few words of address stated that he would not detain them longer (as it now past 10 o'clock) than by warmly commending to their serious reflection he saw around him several classes of pupils belonging to the High School, following couplet which had remained graven on his memory since he first met it at College:—

Si Christus discis, cetera est si cetera non
Si Christus nescis, nihil est si cetera non

These he might render in the lines:—

Paraphrase:

I am the Way, the Truth, the Life,
No son of human race
But such as I conduct and guide
Shall see My Father's face.

The National Anthem being sung the benediction pronounced, the assemblage dispersed, and the scholars of both Schools, in returning through the Lecture Room, were treated with oration.

*We may give the particulars of this interesting incident in our next number.