

THE CHURCH IN CANADA.

EDUCATION FUND.

Saltfleet,.....	Rev. W. Johnson,.....	£1 0 0
Woodstock....	" F. P. Sim,.....	1 5 0
Simcoe.....	" George Bell,.....	2 5 0
St. Louis.....	" James G. Paul,...	1 0 0
Three Rivers, ..	" James Thom,....	0 15 0
Cornwall.....	" Hugh Urquhart,...	7 10 0
Beckwith,.....	" Dun. Morrison,...	2 0 0

HUGH ALLAN, *Treasurer.*

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND IN THE PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

St. Paul's Church, Montreal, per Rev.		
Dr. McGill,.....	£5 0 0	
Beauharnois, per Rev. Thomas Haig, ..	0 10 0	
Mr. R. H. Norval, ..	0 2 6	
" Caverhill,.....	0 2 6	
Lachine, from Sabbath School, ..	2 0 0	
Chatham, Rev. William Mair,....	0 5 0	
Three Rivers, " James Thom,.....	0 10 0	
St. Louis " J. T. Paul,.....	0 15 0	

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FRENCH MISSION FUND.

[Receipts since last acknowledgement.]

Galt.....	Rev. Hamilton Gibson,	£1 10 0
Brompton....	Mrs. Smith & daughter, ..	0 15 0
Simcoe.....	Rev. George Bell,.....	1 10 0
Cornwall....	" Hugh Urquhart,.....	5 0 0
Fergus.....	Mr. A. D. Fordyce,.....	2 0 0

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MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

CONGREGATIONAL COLLECTIONS.

Hemmingford,	Rev. Jno. Merlin	0 17 0
Ramsay,	" J. McMorine,	4 0 0
Beauharnois,	" Thos. Haig	3 0 0
Dalhouse Mills and Cote St. George,	Rev. Lucas McLean	3 0 0
Scarborough,	Rev. J. A. Thomson,	4 10 0
W. Williamsburg,	" Thos. Scott,	3 0 0
Beckwith,	" Dun. Morrison,	4 0 0
St. Louis,	" J. T. Paul,	2 0 0

£24 7 0

Omitted from *Presbyterian* for February

Esquesing and Milton, Rev. P. Ferguson	3 0 0
Pakenham, Rev. Alex. Mann,	3 0 0

£30 7 0

A. SIMPSON,
Treasurer.

Montreal, 31st March, 1854.

OSNABRUCK CONGREGATION.

PRESENTATION TO THE REV. ROBERT DOBIE.—We learn from the *Cornwall Constitutional* that a Deputation of the Ladies of the Presbyterian Church in Osnabruck, in connection with the Established Church of Scotland, recently waited upon their Minister, the Rev. ROBERT DOBIE, and presented him with a pulpit-gown, to mark their appreciation of his professional attainments as their pastor, as well as his urbane and gentlemanly deportment as a private individual. The handsome and appropriate testimonial, thus gracefully presented by the ladies of his flock, elicited from their lately ordained minister the assurance of his sincere gratitude for this as well as many other instances of their kindness, assuring them of his reciprocal good-will

towards them, and asking their earnest prayers that in the discharge of the sacred duties of his office he may be found faithful even to the end.

RAMSAY CONGREGATION.

We understand with much pleasure that the Rev. Mr. McMorine, of Ramsay, has been lately presented with a very handsome pulpit-gown by a few of the ladies of the congregation, as an expression of their esteem for him as their pastor and their appreciation of his valuable services as a Minister of Christ.

CONGREGATION OF THORAH, C. W.

We also learn with much satisfaction that the young ladies of St. Andrew's Church, Thorah, have recently presented their pastor, the Rev. David Watson, A.M., with a very handsome pulpit-gown; and that the young gentlemen of the congregation have also presented him with an elegant English Bible and Psalm Book, along with a Gaelic Bible and Psalm Book, both for the pulpit. We experience much gratification in chronicling from time to time such tokens of regard on the part of congregations towards their pastors.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The ordinary quarterly meeting of this Presbytery took place in St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, on Tuesday, 21st February. All the Ministers were present except two, whose absence was understood to be occasioned by personal sickness in one case and family affliction in the other. Six Elders were present. There was a considerable amount of business, the transaction of which occupied the Presbytery to a late hour in the evening, and also during an adjourned sederunt in the forenoon of the following day. Collections in aid of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund were handed in from congregations, amounting in the aggregate to £27 10s. Other collections had already been forwarded to the Treasurer at Montreal; and the attention of those Ministers, who had not yet made collections for this Scheme during the current year, was directed to the standing law of the Synod respecting the *time* appointed for such collections.

The Elder for Scarboro' brought forward a numerously signed memorial from that congregation, setting forth the high estimation in which they held the services of the Rev. James Bain, who had laboured in the congregation as ordained Missionary by appointment of Presbytery for the last ten months, and expressing the desire of the congregation that he should be inducted as their Pastor as soon, after his approval and formal reception by the Synod, as he shall be eligible to a permanent charge; and in the meantime that his present appointment may be continued. It may

here be stated that Mr. Bain was formerly a Minister of the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, and for upwards of 20 years had presided over a large congregation in Kirkaldy, on leaving which he was presented with a parting gift of 150 sovereigns, and received other substantial proofs of the attachment of his former flock as well as of the respect in which he was held by the community at large. His application for admission to the Church of Scotland in Canada, together with ample testimonials of his Literary and Theological attainments, and of his standing in the Church with which he was connected, had been laid on the table of the Presbytery at its meeting in December last, when after due examination the Presbytery declared their satisfaction with his qualifications and his reasons for seeking to join this Church, and agreed at the same meeting to receive him, subject to the approval of the Synod and satisfaction of the Examining Committee.

A deputation, consisting of Messrs. Galloway and Hamilton, from Scott appeared in the Presbytery and produced a call from that congregation in favour of the Rev. William Cleland, an ordained clergyman who was recently received in similar circumstances with Mr. Bain, and who since the November meeting of Presbytery had officiated as ordained Missionary within the bounds. The deputation stated that they were aware that according to the laws of the Church Mr. Cleland could not at present be settled on their call, but that the document now produced had been drawn up in the form of a call as the simplest and most direct mode of expressing, as it did, the unanimous wish of the congregation to have Mr. Cleland as their minister as soon as the laws of the Church will permit, and that meanwhile he should be continued at Scott in his present capacity.

Mr. Jacob Wells, Elder from Newmarket, also presented a petition from that congregation, expressive of their desire to obtain the services of Mr. Cleland, in whole or in part, until the meeting of Synod, with a view ultimately to giving him a call to be their minister.

The Presbytery agreed to renew Mr. Bain's appointment to Scarboro' until the meeting in May, and Mr. Cleland was instructed to give three fourths of his time to the Scott congregation, and the remaining fourth (on certain alternate days which were specified) to Newmarket, to which congregation further supply of sermon was appointed to be given by Members of Presbytery.

The Presbytery next took up a call from the congregation of Vaughan in favour of the Rev. John McLaurin, of Martintown. Said call was numerously signed, and was accompanied with a subscription list, embodying a bond for the payment of stipend. Vaughan is one of the oldest and most important congregations in