

Kingston	"	.....	115	15	0
Ottawa	"	.....	10	0	0
Simcoe	"	.....	17	17	6
Hugh Ailan, Esq., Montreal, subscrip- tion.....			50	0	0
James Mitchell Esq., Montreal, half- subscription.....			12	10	0
			£352	6	6

Queen's College,
Kingston, 18th February, 1856. }
JOHN PATON,
Secretary to the Trustees.

THE SYNOD FUND.

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We would also remind our readers that this Fund has been charged with the cost of the deputations to the Lower Provinces, and that the expenses of the four delegates ought to be reimbursed them from the Fund. One of them has since, it is true, been called away from this changeful scene; but the amount ought to be repaid to his representatives. If this really important effort is to be sustained, our people must contribute cheerfully to the Fund. We are sure that all our readers were gratified with the reception which our delegates received in the Lower Provinces, and that they must have been satisfied that the effort was likely to result in good. We trust that other delegates will be sent next Synod; but, to ensure this, the Synod Fund must have its claims acknowledged. We have received £1 from Esquering for this purpose, and we understand that a few of the congregation of St. Andrew's, Montreal, have subscribed a liberal amount. We trust other congregations will do likewise. We will remit to the Treasurer, John Cameron, Esq., Toronto, any monies transmitted for this purpose.

CALCUTTA ORPHANAGE.

We have just received the gratifying intelligence that all the little orphans at this Institution have been appropriated to the various Sabbath Schools and kind friends who have undertaken their support. Let not this, however, deter others from making application for little Heathen protégés, as another large Institution at Madras equally claims our sympathies and support.

The schools in connection with St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, and St. Andrew's Church, Fergus, have just learned the appropriation to them of little girls picked up in the streets of Madras, but who are now, through this liberality, being supported in a comfortable home, with the advantages of a Christian education. Truly the soul of one poor Heathen is above all price in the sight of God. In addition to this let our Sabbath School children reflect that these orphans are soon to be sent forth as teachers and as the wives of native Missionaries, thus, it may be, becoming instruments of making the light of the Gos-

pel to shine in that dark Heathen land, and of leading many to righteousness.

Canada now supports seven orphans in this way. Will not other schools come forward in so good a cause? Four pounds currency a year will be easily raised if the effort is once made.

We have several times commended this scheme to the sympathies and prayers of our Sabbath Schools, believing that a better means of interesting children in Missions to the Heathen could not easily be devised.

The annual charge for each orphan, as has been just stated, is only four pounds currency, which can be remitted to the Editor of this paper, or to Mr. John Paton, Kingston.

THE CONGREGATION OF McNAB AND HORTON.

On Saturday, the 25th of January last, a deputation of the congregation of McNab and Horton waited upon the Rev. George Thomson, their minister, and in the name of the Ladies of the congregation presented him with a set of handsome Buffalo Robes, as a mark of their esteem and gratitude. A few days before, Mrs. Thomson had conveyed to her a very tasteful token of their regard. Mr. John Fisher, one of the elders of the congregation, on presenting the Robes, thus addressed Mr. Thomson:—

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—I have been deputed to perform the pleasing duty of presenting to you, in the name of the Ladies of your congregation, these Buffalo Robes, and of begging your acceptance of them, not on account of their value, but only as a token of the esteem and gratitude of the donors. I feel, dear Sir, that I am unable to state in adequate terms the great obligation that all of us, who have the happiness to belong to your congregation, are under, for the exemplary manner in which you have uniformly discharged the arduous duties of your situation; but, we sincerely hope, that the memorial, which we offer for your acceptance, will convey to you in some degree the deep feelings of gratitude and affection we entertain for you.

You are no doubt aware that, a few days since, the Ladies of your congregation, whom I now represent, conveyed to Mrs. Thomson a token of their respect; and our earnest prayer to God is, that you may both long continue amongst us in the enjoyment of good health, and that He may abundantly bless all your endeavours for the promotion of His own cause in this locality.

Mr. Thomson replied as follows:

MR. FISHER, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, The simple and honest expression of heartfelt thanks should, as we would think, be soon and easily rendered, and yet I have to acknowledge that I cannot fully express my feelings on the present occasion. Sure I am, however, that you will easily conjecture what they are, for they whose hearts are generous and kind, as the present transaction proves yours to be, must have experienced the sensation of gratitude, and by sensations of heartfelt gratitude I am now deeply impressed.

I confess that, ever since I was connected with the congregation of McNab and Horton, one of the first wishes of my heart has been to gain the affection and esteem of my hearers, and, when I consider the substantial and valuable token of their regard which you have now presented to me, and learn that it has been purchased by the willing contributions of the people among whom I labour, my gratification is great indeed at being permitted to hope that my wish has been accomplished; and the more especially as my conscience allows me to feel that I have never intentionally compromised God's truth, but uniformly endeavoured to declare unto you the whole counsel of God. My friends, I feel a proud satisfaction in regarding the present instance of your kindness as a profitable example of that return of love and respect which the faithful Minister of Christ may hope to receive from the flock over whom he is appointed, and which, next to the favour of God, and the testimony of a good conscience, is his highest encouragement and reward.

Nothing could be more gratifying to me than to find that, during the 4 years and some months I have been Minister here, you and other friends, kindly disposed towards me, should have considered me in any way worthy of so marked an expression of your approbation. It gives me the greatest pleasure to look back upon the period during which we have been connected together. I have experienced the utmost kindness and forbearance from you, both as individuals and as a congregation; and, while I feel deeply grateful to God for this, I would earnestly hope that, notwithstanding many shortcomings on my part, there may not be wanting some fruits of my ministry among you. Allow me farther to assure you that, amid all my labours and the many cares from which in this life we can never hope to escape, this much prized gift will be continually before my eyes, to convey to me the comfortable assurance that the affection I feel for you is returned; and that the proceedings of this hour will live in my grateful recollections, as bestowing upon me a substantial proof not only of your respect and good will towards myself, but also of your liberal spirit and generous feeling.

Mrs. Thomson desires, through me, to offer her most grateful thanks for the valuable present you have been so kind as to bestow upon her; and, my friends, I trust you will be pleased to accept of this acknowledgement on her part, when I assure you that no one could be more gratified than she is by these tokens of your esteemed friendship. By your associating my partner in life with me in the heart-moving transactions of this day, allow me to assure you that I feel doubly honoured and indebted.

But I have no intention to inflict upon you a long speech, and therefore I shall have done, and at once beg you, and through you my other kind friends in McNab and Horton, to accept of my warmest acknowledgements and thanks for your much valued gifts. With my grateful acknowledgements permit me at the same time to offer my best wishes for the happiness and prosperity of yourselves, and all with whom you are more immediately connected. My earnest prayer to God is that He may guide and bless you all while here, and bring you at last to our Saviour's rest in Heaven, when this world and all its concerns shall, in regard to us, be no more.