

THE CHURCH IN CANADA.

FRENCH MISSION FUND.

The Treasurer of the French Mission Fund acknowledges the following payments:—
 April 6—Received from Judge Malloch, being a collection in St. John's Church, Brockville,..... \$20.00
 April 12—Received from Rev. H. Gibson, a collection in the Church, Galt, 8.50
 April 15—Received from Rev. Thomas McPherson, a collection in Church, Lancaster,..... 20.00
 April 16—Received from Rev. A. Buchan, a collection in the Church in Stirling,..... 12.00
 Received from Rev. A. Mann, a collection in the Church, Pakenham,.... 7.00

\$67.50
 ARCH. FERGUSON,
 Treasurer

Montreal, 25th April, 1859.

DIED

At L'Original on the 8th April, in the 85th year of her age, Margaret Platt, relict of the late N. H. Treadwell, Esquire. She was born in Dutchess County, State of New York, in 1774, married in 1791, settled at St. Andrews, C.E., in 1796, and at L'Original in 1798. She was the mother of a large family, of whom are Sheriff Treadwell and Mrs. Redfield, author of a work on Natural History. Possessed of a vigorous physical constitution, she retained her faculties and senses quite unimpaired until the last. She was a kind and obliging neighbour, a faithful friend, and an affectionate relative. She lived and died a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, under the assurance of a happy immortality through the atonement of her Saviour.

CONGREGATION OF MOUNT FOREST, C. W.

We extract a few items from a communication of a subscriber resident in Mount Forest, C. W. He says that a congregation was formed there in May, 1857, and that it continued a Mission station until a church, which was erected in the interval, was opened for public worship on the 28th November last by the Rev. John Hay, Missionary of the Church of Scotland, the ladies having kindly presented the Church with a Pulpit Bible and Psalm-book, window-blinds, &c. About five years ago Mount Forest contained but two log-houses, while the present population exceeds 600. It is just half way on the road between Guelph and Owen Sound. He adds that this church is the first in connection with the Church of Scotland in the County of Grey, and consequently the first in the intended Presbytery of Huron, which, according to the last meeting of Synod, was to be erected as soon as a sufficient number of ministers have been settled in it.

CHATHAM CHURCH, C. E.

We have great pleasure in noticing the improvements that have lately been made on this Church. During the past year it was thought necessary to make some external and internal repairs. Through the exertions of Mrs. Cushing and a few lady friends a subscription was raised and a

bazaar held, which realized the handsome sum of £125.

With this sum in hand the repairs were begun. Masons, carpenters, plasterers and painters were set to work. The internal alterations and improvements were proceeded with and tastefully finished. The external repairs were also carried on so far as the season would permit, and the little that remains to be done will be accomplished early next summer. But even now, after an outlay of about £150, a more commodious and handsome country church cannot be found in Canada.

We rejoice to see such a spirit displayed by the Presbyterians of this place, and congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Cushing, and the other members of the Church who took such a deep interest in the work, on the result of their exertions; and we trust that they and their esteemed Minister, the Rev. Mr. Mair, may be long spared together to worship their God in such a beautiful building.—*Comm.*

QUEEN'S COLLEGE, KINGSTON.—The seventeenth session of this Institution closed yesterday. The morning from 9 to 12 o'clock was devoted to public examinations of the students in the various classes, in the lecture room or hall of the new building recently erected. The room was well filled with the parents of the pupils and friends. At noon the Principal, (Rev. Dr. Cook,) conferred the degree of Bachelor of Arts upon the following gentlemen:—John Agnew, William B. Curran, James Somerville and James McCaul, Kingston, Alexander Dawson, Niagara, Herbert S. Macdonald, Gananoque; Duncan McDonald, Walter Ross, Nova Scotia; John K. Morine, Ramsay; Finlay F. McNab, Elmsley.

The following gentlemen were then invested with the degree of Doctor of Medicine.—Francis W. Bird, Belleville; Arthur R. Boyle and Robert Lambert, St. Catharines; Geo Campbell, Niagara; Wm. R. Cluness and Wm. Henderson, Williams; H. W. Day, Robt. J. Foster, John H. Morden and Gaird R. McLean, Kingston, Chas. F. Ferguson, Kitley, Geo. S. Sparham, Waterloo.

The prizes to successful students were not delivered because of a delay in their receipt. The Principal expressed a hope that they would reach in the course of the day.

The Principal then briefly addressed the audience, congratulating the Institution on the successful progress which it had made and on its growing importance, and complimented the several professors upon their ability and devotion to the interests of the Institution. The Session was closed with the benediction.—*Kingston News, April 29.*

THE LATE MR. ALEXANDER McNEIL, VAUGHAN.

DIED.—In the Township of Vaughan upon the 12th March, Alexander McNeil, an old resident, who came to Canada in 1824, from the County of Cavan, Ireland. His early training and habits refined his affections, and led him to love God, and make His will the supreme law that guided him. The same early training and habits led him to be a good and loyal subject, and a good neighbour, and to wrong no one. His habits secured to

him a large amount of peace, contentment and happiness. His uniform dignity of behaviour; ardent, sincere and constant friendship; kindly affability and benevolence; unbending integrity and other virtues that cast an attractive lustre around his character, endeared him to a very large circle of friends who had a capacity to appreciate these lowly but Christian virtues. Beloved though he was, he was seized by a malady which, his physician feared, would terminate in death. But he waited with Christian faith, patience and resignation. No complaint was uttered by him. We believe that no complaint was formed in his thoughts. He believed that he was in the hands of his God and Redeemer. A numerous company assembled on the day of his funeral, and attended his mortal remains to the tomb. Many will miss his placid smile, soothing counsel and enlightening and refreshing conversation. Many who have tasted the sweets of his friendship will drop a tear as they visit his grave, and as they reflect on the great moral worth of him whom they can see no more until "that blessed day that knows no morrow," when death is swallowed up in victory.—*Comm.*

ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF SAINT ANDREW'S CHURCH SABBATH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION, HAMILTON.

The annual meeting of this Association was held in the Church on Tuesday evening, 5th April, 1859. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Burnet, the pastor of the Church.

It is perhaps necessary to explain that this Association has under its care two distinct Schools,—the morning or Congregational School being chiefly composed of children whose parents are members and adherents of the Church, and the afternoon or Mission School being principally attended by Bohemian or German children.

The reports of the attendance during the past year were submitted and approved of. These indicated the number of Teachers and Scholars on the roll on 1st January last, with the number on the roll for the corresponding period last year, and the resignations and additions made to the roll of Teachers during the year. The reports also showed the attendance of the Scholars during the same period.

1. The Teachers.

	Ladies.	Gentlemen.	Total.
Number on the Roll on 1st January, 1858,	16	15	31
Resigned during the year, ..	5	7	12
			19
Added during the year, ..	6	3	9
			28
Number on Roll 1st January, 1859,			28

2. The Scholars—Congregational School.

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Average attendance.
On Roll 1st Jan., 1858, ..	80	64	144	106
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