

## BURSARY FUND.

St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School, Quebec, per J. W. Cook, Esq.,.....	£12	10	0
Students' Missionary Association, Aberdeen, Scotland, £7 stg. ....	8	10	4
Hugh Allan, Esq., Montreal,.....	12	10	0
Niagara Congregation, per Rev. J. B. Mowat,.....	10	0	0
	£43	10	4

JOHN PATON,  
Secretary to the Trustees.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE,  
Kingston, 18th April, 1857.

## OUR NEW YEAR'S OFFERING.

## CALCUTTA LIBRARY FUND.

Previously received by the Editor, remitted to Edinburgh,.....	£9	0	9
From St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School, Quebec, per J. W. Cook, Esq.,.....	1	0	0
From St. Andrew's Church Sabbath School, Fergus, per Rev. G. Mac- donell,.....	1	0	0
	£11	0	9

Montreal, 20th April, 1857.

RECEIPTS FOR SUPPORT OF ORPHANS  
IN INDIA.

Acknowledged since 30th April, 1856,.....	£80	10	0
From St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa City, for the support of an Orphan, to be called "Elizabeth Spence Ottawa,".....	4	0	0
From the Ladies' Missionary Associa- tion of St. Andrew's Church, Fergus, in aid of the Scottish Ladies' Association for Female Education in India,.....	3	0	0
From the Sabbath School and some Ladies of Lachine Congregation, for the support of an Orphan to be called "Mary Ann Simpson,".....	4	0	0
To a Bible for " " " " ..	0	10	0
	£92	0	0

The children of St. Andrew's Church Sab-  
bath School, Montreal, have selected the name  
of "Annie Morris" for an Orphan to be ap-  
propriated in place of their late protégée Catherine  
Mathieson.

JOHN PATON,

Treasurer to the Synod for the above.  
Kingston, 20th April, 1857.

\* Making, with the Library Fund, in all £103  
0s. 9d. for the year.—EDITOR.

## WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The regular Quarterly Meeting of this  
Board will be held in the vestry of St.  
Andrew's Church in this city, on Wednes-  
day, the 6th of May, at eleven o'clock.

W. GORDON MACK,

Secretary Pro. tem.

Montreal, 16th April, 1857.

MINISTERS', WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS'  
FUND.—Congregations, whose collections  
in aid of this Fund have not yet been sent  
in, are earnestly requested to forward them  
without delay, in accordance with the in-  
junction of the Synod.

JOHN GREENSHIELDS,  
Treasurer.

## THE MEETING OF THE SYNOD.

The Annual Meeting of the Synod of  
our Church will be held in Hamilton, in  
the new Church there, on the 27th of May.  
This meeting bids fair to be an important  
one, and we trust that as many as possible  
of our Ministers and Elders will endeavour  
to be present. We understand that suit-  
able arrangements have been made by the  
Minister and congregation of Hamilton  
for their accommodation. We would urge  
strongly upon the eldership the duty of at-  
tendance at the Synod meetings, as thus  
their interest in the whole work of the  
Church will be revived and strengthened.

Many matters of importance will doubt-  
less come under discussion. Among these  
will be the consideration of the best  
means for enlarging the Temporalities  
Scheme, by enlisting in its support the  
great body of our people. With the stir-  
ring example of Dr. Robertson and the  
Hundred Churches Scheme of the Church  
of Scotland before us, surely we also may  
devise and carry into operation liberal  
things. We think that it is quite possible  
to frame such a scheme as would call forth  
the sympathies and cordial co-operation of  
the people.

A Congregational Association in each  
congregation, collecting for the Schemes  
of the Church, and holding an annual  
meeting, would be an important instru-  
ment for good, and would do much to ex-  
tend the usefulness of the Supplementary  
Temporalities Fund. This Scheme should  
comprehend at least three branches, viz.:  
1st. Towards a Home Mission, or the sup-  
plementing of the salaries of Ministers in  
weak charges, and of Missionaries in the  
wastes of our Zion. 2nd. An Education  
Fund for aiding deserving young men in  
their preparatory and other studies. The  
example of the Lower Provinces should  
stimulate us to do more in this direction  
than we have ever done. And 3rdly. A  
Manse, Glebe and Church Fund for aid-  
ing weak congregations in these important  
efforts. Such a Scheme would prove a  
blessing to generations yet unborn, and the  
precedent of the previous Manse Fund af-  
fords a most convincing argument in favour  
of a new effort. Let it not be said that this  
is too comprehensive a plan. The  
Synod legislates for the future. Some  
will take a deep interest in one branch of  
the Scheme, others in another, and the  
issue will in course of time be a happy one  
if the Scheme be faithfully worked. The  
changed position of the Church entails  
new responsibilities. A great pecuniary  
trust has been devolved upon it. Accord-  
ing as its management be right or wrong  
the funds of the Church will prove a bless-  
ing or a curse. Let us trust that the  
Church will prove herself equal to her  
heavy responsibilities, and evince herself

a living vigorous Church. Such a Scheme  
as we are glancing at could not fail of  
eventual success. At first its pro-  
gress might be slow, but, as it was with  
the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, now so  
important and useful, it would pass the  
period of infancy and reach that of adult  
vigour and ripening and extending in-  
fluence.

Again the Synod will be called to consider  
the important questions of the French and  
Foreign Missions of our Church. The  
former will, we trust, be revived. The  
Synod is committed to it, and the call of  
duty is very plain. Surely a correspond-  
ence with Dr. Grandpierre and that sec-  
tion of the Evangelical French Church,  
which entertains friendly relations with  
the Parent Church, would result in the  
securing of a suitable Missionary; and be-  
sides we can now confidently reckon on  
obtaining at least one from our own  
College. Then, as to the Foreign Mission,  
the question of the acceptance of Dr.  
Aiton's collections and the institution of a  
Mission to Palestine will come under re-  
view. An interesting feature in the  
Synod will be the Report of the Treasurer  
of the India Orphanage Fund, which will  
show how strong a hold this Scheme has  
taken upon the children of the Church,  
and how wise the policy of recognizing it  
as a Scheme of the Church has proved to  
be. We trust that, in connection with  
these subjects, arrangements will be made  
to hold a Devotional and Missionary  
Meeting, as at Kingston. The effect of  
such a meeting is very excellent.

Other important subjects too will likely  
claim attention, such as, the state of the  
Building Fund of Queen's College, the  
propriety of establishing Presbyterian  
Exhibitions to the Queen's College  
School, the Report of the Widows' and  
Orphans' Fund, that of the Sabbath  
Observance Committee, the further con-  
sideration of a General Assembly for  
British North America, and the reception  
of Delegates from the Lower Provinces:  
the taking of steps to secure the obtaining  
of reliable statistics of the position of the  
Church, and the number of its members  
and adherents; the devising of means for  
attracting the attention of Ministers and  
Probationers of our Church in Scotland to  
the exigencies of this portion of the Colo-  
nial field; these will, no doubt, all receive  
consideration.

From this hasty review it will then be  
evident that the ensuing meeting of the  
Synod may be a very important one, and  
that it is desirable that the attendance  
should be as general as possible. Mean-  
while the lovers of our Zion should be  
constant in prayer to the great Head of the  
Church, to pour out a blessing upon our  
Church, and to over-rule all the delibera-  
tions and actings of the Synod, for the  
good of His Church and the spiritual good  
of many souls.