

**Widows' and Orphans' Fund.**—The collections from the churches have come in very slowly. Will the churches who have not taken up the collection for the Fund in September, as recommended by the Union, kindly do so at an early date?

Montreal, 24th October, 1867.

CHARLES R. BLACK,  
*Secretary.*

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## News of the Churches.

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**Sunday School Convention at Toronto.**—The Fourth Provincial Convention of Sunday-School Teachers, Ministers, and other friends of the cause, was held in this city, on the 8th, 9th, and 10th ult., in Knox's Church. We are happy to say that this meeting, so long and so eagerly anticipated, was in every sense a great success. Toronto, although slow to awaken to a sense of the purport and value of such a gathering, was fairly aroused at last, and the universal declaration is, that no series of meetings ever held in the city could be compared with this. Over 500 visitors were accommodated by the Reception Committee, besides a very large number who were entertained by personal friends, and representatives of schools in the city. All denominations were represented, and that by leading men of the ministry and laity. The very outward aspect of the body demonstrated its ability and influence, while the proceedings were characterised by the greatest interest and enthusiasm. The American visitors were Ralph Wells Esq., and Rev. C. W. Bolton, of New York, Revd. Dr. R. F. Burns and — Dale Esq. of Illinois, Rev. B. Frankland and Prof. Seager of Ohio, and Hon. J. T. Flagler (President), Rev. C. W. Wilkins, Dr. Healy, Rev. P. G. Cook, J. H. Moore, and others, delegates from the New York State Convention recently held in Lockport. We need hardly say that the presence of these gentlemen was a very great acquisition, and the exchange of international Christian courtesies was as cordial as at the Young Men's Christian Associations' Convention at Montreal. Surely these are "things that make for peace."

The Convention met at 3 p. m., Rev. Dr. Caldicott, V. P., taking the chair until the permanent organisation was effected. Rev. F. H. Marling was chosen President, with a considerable staff of Vice Presidents; Rev. W. Millard, Toronto, General Secretary; Hon. John McMurrich, Treasurer. The Executive Committee of last year was reappointed, with few variations, and to them was referred the choice of time and place for the meeting in 1868, for which no invitation was presented, though London, Kingston, Ottawa, Belleville, and Brantford were suggested as suitable places. Rev. G. Bell of Clifton was convener of the Business Committee; Rev. J. Wood, Brantford, of that on Resolutions; and Rev. A. Sutherland, Yorkville, of that on Publication. The local Reception Committee had for Chairman, D. Buchan Esq., and for Secretary, D. Maclean Esq. A corps of volunteer messengers, composed of four boys from a number of the city Sabbath Schools, rendered most effective and valuable service in conducting members of the Convention to their temporary homes. They were distinguished by a badge of blue ribbon, with a red, white, and blue rosette. At one time, there appeared to be a deficiency of accommodation, but this was immediately supplied, and the complaint now is, that a number of families could not find guests to entertain. At the Tuesday evening meeting, after the address of Welcome by Rev. A. Topp, and responses from Rev. W. H. Poole for Canada and Hon. J. T. Flagler for the United States, Mr. Ralph Wells delivered a stirring and vivid address on the essentials of successful Sabbath School teaching, which evidently told with great effect upon the large audience. It is impossible for us to convey to absentees a full idea of the character of this gentleman's addresses, to which so large a measure of the interest of the Convention was due. They were marked by intense earnestness and vivacity, and extraordinary skill in teaching, the whole being devoted to setting forth Christ and Him crucified.