

PROVIDENT FUND.—I beg to acknowledge receipt of collections as under for the Widows' and Orphans' Branch of the Provident Fund :—

Sherbrooke Church.....	\$16 75
Lennoxville Church	14 70

CHAS. R. BLACK, *Acting Treasurer.*

MONTREAL, 23rd Oct., 1873.

ENDOWMENT, FUND. — CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE OF BRITISH NORTH

AMERICA.—Received thus far in Oct. :—

Rev. Edward Ebbs' First Instal.	\$25 00
Rev. John Brown, Thank Offering,	5 00
Rev. Robert Brown,	5 00
A Young Lady, per J. B., Lanark,	2 00

\$37 00

These, except the last, are placed to the credit of the pledge of the Alumni to raise amongst themselves \$4000.

HENRY WILKES, *Treasurer.*

MONTREAL, Oct. 22, 1873.

Obituary.

MRS. SUSANNAH BECK.

On the 30th July there passed away, from Stratford, into her everlasting rest, at the age of 74, one, who though but very little known beyond the small circle of her own immediate friends, was one of the Lord's remembrancers, and for that reason deserves to be remembered by all who had the privilege of her acquaintance. For about half a century she had been an humble but sincere disciple of the Lord Jesus, having first made a profession of her faith in the Town of Tiverton, in England, in connection with the Church to which the Rev. Mr. Heu-de-Bourck then or subsequently ministered. Removing with her husband and increasing family to Canada, she first became connected with the Church in Kingston, shortly after the settlement there of the Rev. Mr. Fenwick, for whom she ever entertained and expressed the warmest attachment, as indeed she did for all who ever stood to her in the relationship of pastor. From Kingston she removed, on the death of her husband, to Brantford, in the summer of 1853, bringing with her a letter of commendation to the Church in that place, with which she retained connection for nearly nineteen years, although absent and living with one of her children in Toronto for a part of that time. Her last removal was to Stratford, and great was her delight on learning that her old minister, her first pastor, Mr.

Heu-de-Bourck, was about to accept the charge of the Church there.

Just one month before her death she returned home from a visit to Brantford, whither she had gone to be present at the meeting of the Congregational Union in that place. She had greatly enjoyed her visit, both on account of the opportunity she had had of seeing the dear old friends with whom she used to meet in former years, and also because of the spiritual quickening she had experienced in the meetings of the Union. We shall not soon forget with what an overflowing heart she replied to the question we put to her, as we shook hands with her coming out of the Church one day—the last time we saw her. “Well, Mrs. Beck, and how have you enjoyed the meetings?” “Oh, Mr. Wood,” she answered, “I never enjoyed anything so much in my life, and I never expect to again in this world!” “God had provided some better thing for her” than the sweetest of earthly fellowships, and her words would seem to have indicated some premonition of its early realization.

Our dear departed friend had seen many and sore trials, and was “a widow indeed, and desolate;” but she was one who “trusted in God, and continued in supplications and prayer night and day.” She has left behind her a large family of children and grand-children, even to the fourth generation, most of whom, we hope, are following in her footsteps.