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ON BEING CALLED A SAINT.

BY THE LATE REV. J. HARRIOT.

A Saint! ah, would that I could claim
The privileged, the precious name!
And confidently take my stand
The lowest in the saintly band.

Would that the term in scorn applied,
As well the test of truth could bide,
As kingly salutation given,
In mockery to the King of Heaven.

A Saint—and what imports the name
Thus banded in derision's game!
Holy, and separate from sin,
To good—nay, e'en to God, akin!

Is such the meaning of the name,
From which a Christian shrinks with shame?
Yes—dazzled with the glorious sight,
He owns his crown is all too bright.

And ill might son of Adam dare
Such honour's weight alone to bear;
But fearlessly he takes the load
United to the son of God.

A Saint! O Scorners, give some sign,
Some seal to prove the title mine;
And warmer thanks shalt thou command,
Than bringing kingdoms in thine hand.

Oh! for an interest in that name,
When hell shall ope her jaws of flame,
And Scorners to their doom be hurled,
While scorned Saints shall judge the world.

How will the name of Saint be prized,
Though now neglected and despised;
When Truth shall witness to the word,
That none but Saints shall see the Lord.

SYNOCDICAL COLLECTIONS FOR THE YEAR.

1. For the French Canadian Missionary Society, on the 3rd Sabbath of July.
2. For the Buxton Mission and Synod Fund, on the 3rd Sabbath of October.
3. For the Foreign Missions of the Free Church of Scotland, on the 3rd Sabbath of Jan'y.
4. For the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, on the 3rd Sabbath of April.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held in the usual place, on Tuesday the 8th January, 1856.

M. Y. STARK, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

This Presbytery will hold its next ordinary meeting in Peterboro', on the fourth Tuesday of January, at 11 o'clock, a. m. Members are requested to notice that they are enjoined to produce their Session Records at that meeting.

J. BOWIE, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE AND OTTAWA.

The next meeting of this Presbytery will be held in Ottawa, on the first Tuesday in March, at 7 o'clock, p. m.

S. C. FRASER, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery is appointed to be held in the vestry of the Free Church, Coté Street, Montreal, on Wednesday, 23rd January, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

D. FRASER, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The next meeting of this Presbytery will be held at Brampton, on Tuesday, 12th February, at 11 o'clock, for Presbyterial Visitation of the United Congregations of Temple Church, Chinguacousy and Brampton, and for any other competent business.

THOS. WIGNTMAN, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will take place at London, on the second Tuesday (8th) of January, 1856.

JOHN SCOTT, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.—SOUTHERN DIVISION.

The Committee of the Southern Division of the Presbytery of Montreal, *ancient* Presbyterial visitation, will meet (D. V.) at English River, on Tuesday, 15th January, at 11 o'clock, a. m., for the purpose of visiting the congregation there. Mr. Anderson of Lancaster, to preach and preside. Also, at Durham (Ormiston) on Wednesday, 16th January, at 11 o'clock, a. m., for the same purpose. Mr. Crombie of Laguerre, to preach and preside. Collections will be taken up at both places in behalf of the Presbytery's Home Mission Fund.

JOHN CROMBIE, *Convener.*

KNOX'S COLLEGE LIBRARY.

Ministers and Students having in their possession Books belonging to the Library of Knox's College, are most earnestly requested to return them without delay. In order to enable the Librarian to re-arrange the library in the new building, it is absolutely necessary to have all the books returned.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

A special meeting of the Presbytery of Kingston was held in Kingston on the 2nd of October, when in compliance with a petition from Chalmers' Church Session, Messrs Gordon and Wilcox were appointed to moderate in a call in that congregation.

The regular meeting of the Presbytery was held in Kingston on the 23rd and 24th October, when the following business was transacted.

Mr. McCaughey declined the call given to him from the congregation of Roslin and Melrose; and the Presbytery agreed to record their sympathy with them in this new disappointment, and resolve to use their utmost efforts in providing them with supplies until a stated pastor is settled over them.

Mr. Thom handed in a written report of his missionary labours during the summer, which was read. Mr. McCaughey gave a verbal report of his labours.

Mr. Wilson was appointed to visit Storrington and Ballinahinch for the purpose of obtaining contributions towards the Home Missionary Fund. Messrs. Chesnut and Gregg were appointed to visit Roslin and Melrose for the same purpose.

The Clerk was appointed to apply to the Synod's Home Mission Committee for two labourers for the Winter.

Mr. Wilson read an *interim* report from the Committee on Manses, which was received. The Presbytery instructed the Committee, in accordance with their own suggestion, to send a deputation to the different congregations for the pur-