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The following verses are from the Latin of Musculus, the famous Professor of Theology at Berne. They are commonly known as his dying hymn. The translation is by an American divine, and is, on the whole, happily executed:—

The vital flame shall burn no more!  
The blood around my heart is cold!  
But thou, O CHRIST, my soul shalt warm,  
With life of more than mortal mould!

Why thee, my soul, why tremble thus,  
To wing thy flight to seats of rest?  
Behold thy guide, thine ANGEL waits,  
To lead thee there among the blest.

Leave, then, this wretched mansion, leave,  
In ruins it around thee lies;  
For God's right hand is faithful still,  
And thou shalt see it fairer rise.

But, hast thou sinned? hence springs thy fear?  
Sad truth! but yet believers know,  
That crimson as the stain may be,  
The blood of Christ doth cleansing flow.

Does Death a face of horror wear?  
Most true, my soul, but life is nigh!  
That life to which thy Saviour calle,  
By grace so sure thou canst not die.

Victor o'er Satan, sin, and death,  
Yonder thy Lord in triumph reigns;  
Stretch, O my soul thy joyful wings,  
And fly to those celestial plains.

## SYNODICAL 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

## KNOX'S COLLEGE.

A meeting of the College Committee will be held in the Divinity Hall, Knox's College, on Wednesday, 10th August, at half-past six o'clock, P. M.

*College Committee.*—The Moderator, Messrs. D. McKenzie, Scott, Bayne, Young, Lowry, Ure, McLeod, W. J. McKenzie, Reid, Gregg, Boyd, Geggie, Wardrope, Duncan, Henry, Fraser, and Irvine, ministers; and Messrs. Mair, McMurrich, Shaw, Jeffrey, Tully, Anderson, Dr. Dickson, Messrs. Breakenridge, Kennedy, Redpath, Gibb, and Henning; together with the Professors of Knox's College, and Messrs. John Shaw, Samuel Spreull, and Alexander McGlashan of Toronto.

## PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery is appointed to be held within St. Gabriel Street Church, Montreal, on Wednesday, 7th Sep., at 10 o'clock, A. M.

D. FRASER, *Pres. Clerk*

## PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

Next ordinary meeting of Presbytery will be held in the usual place, on the first Wednesday of September, at 11 o'clock, A. M., when the Records of the various Sessions within the bounds will be called for.

T. WIGHTMAN, *Pres. Clerk*.

## PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery is appointed to be held at Belleville, on the first Wednesday of September, at 12 o'clock, noon.

W. GREGG, *Pres. Clerk*.

## PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

The next meeting of Presbytery is appointed to be held at Peterboro', on the third Tuesday of September.

J. W. SMITH, *Pres. Clerk*.

## PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The next ordinary meeting of the Presbytery of London, will be held in St. Andrew's Church, London, on the second Wednesday of August, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

JOHN SCOTT, *Pres. Clerk*.

## PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto held on the 6th July, Mr. John Laing and Mr. Henry MacMeekin, students, having given all their trial exercises, which were sustained with approbation, were licensed to preach the gospel of Christ.

After solemn prayer by the Moderator, Rev. R. Irvine, these licentiates were addressed in very suitable terms by Dr. Willis, in reference to their duties and responsibilities as probationers for the holy ministry.

## PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

**INDUCTION AT QUEBEC.**—On Tuesday, the 21st June, 1853, the Presbytery of Montreal inducted the Rev. B. Clark, lately of Maxwelltown, Dumfries, as minister of Chalmers' Church, Quebec.

The Rev. R. C. Swinton preached on the occasion from Matt. xi. 7. "What went ye out into the wilderness to see?" The Rev. David Inghs proposed the usual questions, and after solemn prayer, addressed the Pastor and the Congregation in appropriate terms.

At the close, Mr. Clark received a cordial welcome from the congregation, by shaking of hands.

At a subsequent meeting of Presbytery, on the 23d June, it was resolved to organise a new congregation at Durham, and dispense the Lord's Supper there on the fourth Sabbath of July. The Rev. D. Fraser was appointed to this duty, with the assistance of Rev. W. Troup.

D. FRASER, *Pres. Clerk*.

## PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

The Kingston Presbytery met at Picton on the 19th July. Mr. James M. Chesnut was appointed Moderator for the ensuing year.

An extract from the minutes of Synod was laid before the Presbytery, containing a resolution appointing Mr. Reid, minister at Picton, sole Clerk of Synod, Editor of the *Record*, and General Agent of the Schemes of the Church; and instructing this Presbytery to take the necessary steps for dissolving the pastoral relation between him and his congregation.

Messrs. Smith, Miller, and Ross, appeared as delegates from the congregation, and stated that, so soon as they had heard of the Synod's appointment of Mr. Reid, the congregation had held a meeting, and unanimously adopted the following resolution, viz.:—

"That this congregation have learned with sorrow of the Synod appointing the Rev. W. Reid to another sphere of duty—that as well on account of the interests of the congregation, as from their esteem and affection for Mr. Reid as their pastor, they contemplate his removal from among them with deep regret, yet they desire to submit to the wisdom of the Synod, trusting that while this congregation must lament the removal of Mr. Reid as a serious loss to them, his servi-