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PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE AND OTTAWA.

An adjourned meeting of this Presbytery will take place at Kempville, on the first Tuesday of May, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

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

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held at London, on the first Thursday of April.

J. S. SOTT, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held at Madoc, on the first Monday of April, at 7 o'clock, p. m.

WILLIAM GREGG, *Presb. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held at Hamilton, on the second Tuesday of April, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

M. Y. STARK, *Presb. Clerk.*

SABBATH OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE.

The Sabbath Observance Committee will meet in the McNab Street Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, on Tuesday the 14th April, at eleven o'clock, a. m.

R. F. BURNS, *Convener.*

KNOX'S COLLEGE COMMITTEE.

The College Committee will meet in Knox's College on Wednesday, 1st April, at 10 o'clock. A full meeting is particularly requested, as important business will require attention.

M. WILLIS, *Convener.*

KNOX'S COLLEGE-CLOSING EXERCISES.

The Session will close on Wednesday, 1st April. The closing exercises will take place in the College Hall on that day, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

Blank Reports will be sent during the month of April to all the organized charges within the bounds of the Synod, and it is hoped that these will be filled up and returned to the undersigned on or before the first week in May.

S. C. FRASER, *Convener.*

McNAB, March, 1857.

Proceedings of Presbyteries, &c.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

This Presbytery met in Belleville on the 2nd and 3rd March. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Gordon respecting his continued absence from his flock.

The Records of Session were called for, when those of Trenton, Belleville, Madoc, Brock Street and Chalmers' Church, were handed in and examined.

The Presbytery took up for consideration Mr. Pearce's resignation of the charge of Chalmers' Church, handed in at last meeting, and ordered parties to be cited to appear at next meeting.

A Presbyterial visitation of the congregation of Chalmers' Church was appointed to be held on the 18th March,—the questions in the Draft Book of Discipline, as published in the *Record*, to be used.

A call from Madoc to Mr. D. Wishart, duly moderated in, and attested, was laid on the table,—sustained, put into the hands of Mr. Wishart, and accepted by him, and trial pieces prescribed.

The overture on the Barrier Act was approved, with the exception that instead of the words after "overture," in the first section, the words "respecting matters of doctrine," &c.

The consideration of the remaining overtures was postponed.

The next meeting was appointed to be held

in Chalmers' Church, Kingston, on Friday the 17th March, at 7 o'clock, p. m.

WILLIAM GREGG, *Presb. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

The ordinary meeting of the Presbytery was held in Cobourg, on the 24th and 25th of February.

A petition was presented from the congregations of Grafton and Robson's station, praying that the services of the Rev. J. W. Smith be withdrawn from Colborne, and confined to these congregations. As Mr. Smith was inducted minister of Grafton and Colborne, it was agreed to cite the congregation of Colborne to appear for their interests at next meeting.

Mr. Blain was appointed to preach at Cartwright and Ballyduff the 1st of March. Messrs. John Smith, Douglass, Blain, and Mr. M. Glaughlin, elder, were appointed to hold a meeting at Ballyduff, on the 2nd of March, for the purpose of conferring with the people at the station.

Mr. John Smith was appointed to moderate in a call at Cartwright, should it be desired.

Messrs. McLeod and McKenzie were appointed to draw up rules for the guidance of missionaries.

Mr. Cuthbertson gave a verbal Report of his labours, which was satisfactory.

Mr. Cuthbertson was appointed to supply Percy and Seymour Bridge the 1st, 22d, and 29th of March; and Bethesda Church and Alnwick, the 8th and 15th of March.

Mr. McKenzie submitted the following motion, which was agreed to: "That in all cases where elders or deacons have been elected or ordained, without their being members of this Church at the time of their election or ordination,—provided also that such office-bearers have not been, since their ordination, in full communion with this Church,—this Presbytery do regard all such elections and ordinations as invalid."

Messrs. Andrews and Bowie, and Mr. Caruthers, elder, were appointed to visit Percy, with the view of getting the financial affairs of that station brought into a better state; and Messrs. J. W. Smith and McKenzie, as soon as it can be done conveniently, to prepare a Communion Roll, and dispense the Lord's Supper.

The overture anent a Barrier Act was approved.

The Presbytery spent a portion of the forenoon of Wednesday in devotional exercises. Mr. McKenzie gave a brief summary of the answers returned to the queries that had been issued on the state of religion. Thereafter the several members present expressed their minds on this important matter.

The Presbytery appointed its next meeting at Grafton on Tuesday, the 24th of March, at 6 o'clock, P.M.

JAS. BOWIE, *Pres. Clerk.*