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### PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

Next ordinary meeting will be held in Knox's College, on Wednesday, the 13th of April, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

THOMAS WIGHTMAN, *Clerk.*

### PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The Presbytery of Hamilton will meet at Hamilton, on the second Tuesday of April, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Ministers are requested to have the Session Records of their congregations forwarded on or before that day.

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

### PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

The Presbytery will meet in Cobourg on the Monday previous to the meeting of Synod.

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

### PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

The next meeting of the Presbytery is appointed to be held in Kingston, on the first Tuesday of May, at the hour of 10 A. M.

WILLIAM GREGG, *Pres. Clerk.*

### PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery is appointed to be held within St. Gabriel Street Church, Montreal, on Wednesday, 4th May, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

D. FRASER, *Pres. Clerk.*

### SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Synod's Committee on Sabbath Schools, will be held (D. V.) in Kingston, on the first Wednesday of May, at the hour of ten o'clock, A. M.

WILLIAM GREGG, *Convener*

### SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Synod's Committee on the above will meet (D. V.) in Kingston, on Friday the 22d April, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

*Members of Committee*—Mr. R. F. Burns, Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Mr. Gale, Mr. McGregor, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Reid, Mr. Lowry, Mr. D. Fraser, Ministers; Dr. Dickson, Mr. Redpath, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Webster, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Rankine, and Mr. McMurrich, Elders.

ROBERT F. BURNS, *Convener.*

### KNOX'S COLLEGE.

The Committee of Knox's College will meet in the Library of the Institution on Wednesday, the 13th April, at 12 o'clock, noon.

The following members compose the Committee, viz:—The Moderator, Mr. D. McKenzie, Mr. Scott, Mr. Bayne, Mr. Young, Mr. Lowry, Mr. Ure, Mr. McLeod, Mr. W. J. McKenzie, Mr. Reid, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Geggie, Mr. Wardrope, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Fraser, ministers; Mr. Webster, Mr. Muir, Mr. McMurrich, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Burns, Mr. Jeffrey, Mr. Tully, Mr. Anderson, Dr. Dickson, Mr. Joseph Reid, Mr. Breckenridge, Mr. D. Kennedy, Mr. D. Cram, Dr. MacLagan, Mr. Redpath, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Gunn, elders; Professors of Knox's College, and Messrs. John Shaw, Samuel Spreull, and Alexander McGlashan, of Toronto. Dr. Willis, Convener.

JOHN BURNS, *Sec. pro tem.*

### MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The Collection for the above object—the fourth and last for the Synodical year—is appointed to be taken up on the third Sabbath in April.

Last year this collection was omitted in many of the congregations, lest it should interfere with, or supersede the subscriptions then in progress for the capital of the fund. Although, in many cases, the subscription is not yet completed, in some perhaps not begun, it will be injurious to the fund to suspend the collections for another year. It is to be hoped that due notice will be given in all the congregations and mission stations, of the object of this collection. Perhaps none of the benevolent objects, brought before the Church, so readily recommend themselves to the best feelings and sympathies of the people, as the provision for the widows and orphans of those who, while being spent in the service of the ministry, have it not in their power to make any adequate provision for their widows and children who may survive them.

As this is the last collection before the closing of the accounts, it is requested, that the time appointed by the Synod be observed as nearly as practicable, in order that the whole receipts for the Synodical year may be included in the report.

### HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

The half-yearly meeting of the Home Mission Committee will (D. V.) be held in Knox's College on Wednesday, the 13th of April, at seven o'clock, P. M. A full attendance of the members is earnestly requested.

The distribution of the Missionaries and Catechists for the ensuing half year, will be made at this meeting. To aid the Committee in discharging this duty, it is of importance that Presbyteries furnish ample statistical and other information respecting the various congregations and stations looking to their supply.

Queries to be answered by Presbyteries, for the information of the Home Mission Committee. (See Minutes of last Synod, p. 22, in reference to the duty of Presbyteries on this head.)

1. State the number of Vacant Charges within the bounds of your Presbytery.
2. The number of Missionary Stations, and how many of these are ready for settlement.
3. The aggregate number of Members and Adherents attached to the above Congregations and Stations.
4. The number of Stations where Gaelic is required.
5. The number of Missionaries and Catechists employed during the year.
6. The number of Pastoral Settlements which have taken place in the same time.
7. The sum raised for the Presbytery's Home Mission Fund among the Stations, and from the regular Congregations.
8. Are there any Localities within the bounds of the Presbytery, in which it would be desirable to open New Stations?
9. Have any New Stations been opened during the past year?
10. What are the apparent fruits, so far as ascertainable, from the labors of your Missionaries?

The Committee will thankfully receive any suggestions, or additional information, connected with the Home Mission, that the Presbytery may have to communicate.

Answers to the above to be transmitted, if possible, before the middle of April.

*MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE.*—The Moderator, Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Mr. Young, Mr. Gale, Mr. Cheyne, Mr. Ure, Mr. Lowry, Mr. Boyd, Mr. McLeod, Mr. J. W. Smith, Mr. Gregg, Mr. R. F. Burns, Mr. Boyd, Mr. P. Gray, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Henry, Mr. D. Fraser, Mr. D. McKenzie, Mr. Scott, ministers, and Messrs. Davidson, Fisher, McMurrich, Shaw, Morgan, Dr. Dickson, John Morrison, J. Breckenridge, Dr. MacLagan, Mr. Redpath, Mr. McLellan, Mr. Burns, elders.

ALEX. GALE, }  
ROBERT URE, } *Conveners.*

March 9th, 1853.