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PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held at Pictou, on the first Tuesday of August, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

J. A. THOMSON, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

The ordinary Quarterly Meeting of this court is appointed to be held at Cornwall, on the 1st Wednesday of August, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Session Clerks are reminded to send up their Records for examination.

There will be a Missionary Meeting in the evening.

A. F. KEMP, *Clerk, pro. ten.*

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held in Cobourg on the last Tuesday of September, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

JAMES BOWIE, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held at Hamilton, within Knox's Church there, the second Tuesday of August, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

M. Y. STARR, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held in the usual place of meeting, in Toronto, on Wednesday, 2nd September, at 11 a. m.

Session Records and Quarterly Returns will be called for.

T. WIGHTMAN, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE AND OTTAWA.

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

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

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held at London, on the first Tuesday of October, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

J. SCOTT, *Pres. Clerk.*

KNOX COLLEGE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Committee is requested in the Office, 108 Yonge Street, on Thursday, the 20th day of August, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

A full meeting is specially requested.

W. GREGG, *Convener.*

Proceedings of Presbyteries, &c.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

Last meeting of this Presbytery was held in Kingston, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, and 17th of June last.

The subject of a call to Mr. Gregg, of Belleville, from Cooke's Church, Toronto, was taken up.

The Moderator reported that the Belleville Congregation had been duly cited to appear for their interests.

Rev. Messrs. Reid and Lowry appeared as commissioners from the Toronto Presbytery.

Messrs. Relyea, Wilson, and Shanks, appeared as commissioners from the Belleville Congregation.

The commissioners from the Presbytery of Toronto were heard in favour of Mr. Gregg's translation to Cooke's Church, Toronto.

The commissioners from the Belleville Congregation were also heard. They strongly expressed their regret at the prospect of being

deprived of their much respected pastor, but stated that they would throw no obstacle in the way of his removal from among them, having learned that it was his own wish to go to Toronto.

The commissioners from Toronto having been heard in reply, Mr. Gregg was requested to express his own mind as to his acceptance or non-acceptance of the call. He stated that he had made up his mind to accept it, giving as the sum of his reasons, his sincere belief that it was his duty to do so, for the general good of the Church.

Parties were then removed—and the Presbytery proceeded to the consideration of the question. They finally agreed to loose Mr. Gregg from his present charge at Belleville, on the ground that it was his own desire to accept the call from Cooke's Church, Toronto, for the reason he had given,—his release to be dated from the 1st July next. They, at the same time, expressed their deep sympathy with the Belleville Congregation in being deprived of their much respected and beloved pastor; and their own heartfelt sorrow and regret at parting with their very dear and highly esteemed brother, with whom they have so long had much intimate, pleasant, and edifying intercourse;—the loss of whose valuable counsels and services, as their Clerk, and constant, prompt, and ready co-operation in every good work, as a co-presbyter, they felt to be very great. Trusting however, and desiring, that his translation might, through the Divine blessing prove beneficial to himself, and redound to the glory of God in the advancement and extension of the Redeemer's kingdom in the world, they commended him to God and the word of His grace, in earnest prayer, conducted by their venerable father Mr. Smart, who was present.

Mr. Hume was appointed to preach at Belleville on the first Sabbath of July, and declare the church vacant.

Mr. Thomson was unanimously appointed Presbytery Clerk.

Mr. Wilson was appointed Treasurer of the Presbytery's Home Mission Fund.

The Clerk was instructed to apply to the Home-Mission Committee, about to meet, for two missionaries to labour within the bounds of the Presbytery.

Mr. Wilson, Convener of the Presbytery's Committee on Colportage, reported verbally, that the services of Mr. Hugh Jack had been secured as Colporteur; that Mr. Jack had been labouring one month in this work, and had met with very encouraging success. The Presbytery approved the report.

At the last Sederunt, the Clerk report that he had applied to the Home Mission Committee for two missionaries but that only one Rev. Mr. Canning had been obtained.

Next meeting of this Presbytery was appointed to be held at Pictou, on the first Tuesday of August next, at Eleven o'clock, a. m.

JAS. ALEX. THOMPSON, *Pres. Clerk.*