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PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The next ordinary meeting will be held at Hamilton, on the second Tuesday of January, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

JAMES MIDDLEMISS, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

The next ordinary meeting will be held at Perth, on the first Tuesday of February.

J. L. GOURLAY, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

The next ordinary meeting of the Presbytery will be held in Montreal, on the fourth Wednesday of January.

A. F. KEMP, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The next ordinary meeting of the Presbytery will be held at Toronto on the second Tuesday of January, at 11 A.M.

W. GREGG, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

The next ordinary meeting will be held at

North Gower, on first Tuesday of February at 1 P.M.

J. K. SMITH, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

The next ordinary meeting will be held at Cobourg, on the second Tuesday of January, at 11 o'clock, A.M.

Financial reports will be called for at this meeting.

JAMES BOWIE, *Pres. Clerk.*

REMOVAL OF OFFICE.

The General Office of the Church has been removed to Knox College. Letters and moneys may be left at Mr. Bains, King Street East, immediately under the former office.

THE RECORD—NOTICE TO AGENTS AND SUBSCRIBERS.

It is earnestly requested that lists of new subscribers be sent in without delay. Subscribers may commence at any time, but it is desirable to commence with the beginning of the volume.

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NOTICES OF RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Memoirs of the Life of James Wilson, Esq., of Woodville, F.R. S. G. M. W. S.

By James Hamilton, D. D. F. L. S., Author of "Life in Earnest," "Mount of Olives," &c., New York: R. Carter & Bros. Sold by D. McLellan, Hamilton.

We have read this memoir with very great interest and delight. It is indeed a work, a most charming and genial biography, whether we consider the subject, or the manner in which the author has executed his task. James Wilson of Woodville, the subject of the memoir, was a brother of Professor John Wilson of Edinburgh. Although in many respects widely different from his distinguished brother, he was a man of talent, one of the first naturalists of the day, especially in the departments of ornithology and entomology, and withal of a fine poetic temperament. He was retiring in his habits, but of very genial and amiable disposition. His piety was unostentatious but deep and genuine. His character altogether was exceedingly estimable, and it has been

sketched in this volume by Dr. James Hamilton in his own attractive and admirable style. The volume is indeed one of great interest.

Life in Jesus: A Memoir of Mrs. Mary Winslow, arranged from her Correspondence, Diary & Thoughts, by her son Octavius Winslow, D. D., author of "Personal declension & Revival, &c., &c.

New York: R. Carter & Bros. Sold by D. McLellan, Hamilton, and J. C. Geikie, Toronto.

The subject of this memoir was the mother of Octavius Winslow, well known as the author of various popular and excellent religious works. She was a person whose piety was peculiarly deep and active, and whose influence extended to many around her, from the highest to the lowest rank. The biography cannot but be useful to christians who may have an opportunity of perusing it. It presents a striking example of one whose life was in a peculiar way consecrated to the service of her Lord and Master. The author has discharged his work—one of no little delicacy and difficulty, with good taste and judgment. The extracts from her letters, &c., might perhaps have been abridged. But the work will occupy a high place in the class to which it belongs.

The History and Habits of Animals: with special reference to the animals of the North American Continent, and those mentioned in the Scriptures, by Peter Walker.

Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication. Sold by Rev. A. Kennedy, London, and D. McLellan, Hamilton.

This volume of 320 pages may be regarded as an excellent introductory work in the department of Natural History. While it is written in a popular style, and without technical terms, it is really a good basis for the more systematic study of this interesting branch of science. It contains many anecdotes illustrative of the nature and habits of the various animals described. The illustrations, which are numerous, are admirably executed, and altogether it is a most useful volume, and one which would form a most suitable present for the young.

A letter and Dialogue on Baptism, by the Rev. Joseph Irons.

Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication. For sale by Rev. W. Kennedy, London.

There are various treatises on the subject of Baptism, some longer and some shorter. We have, however, scarcely ever seen one more satisfactory than the little work before us by Mr. Irons. It contains first, a letter on the subject of Baptism, in which he discusses the design of the ordinance and then its adaptation to that design. The second part consists of a dialogue between a Pastor and an Inquirer,