

being a reason for no immediate action, is in our estimation a strong argument for losing not a moment. The church at home propose to get quit of all the burdensome debt by 1860. Why might not we resolve that by that time, we shall get quit of all our ecclesiastical debt together?—*Communicated.*

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FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE.

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HAMILTON, April 12, 1858.

DEAR SIR,—In accordance with appointment of Synod's Committee, I visited each of the congregations in the Wellington Presbytery during last month, and addressed them on the subject of missions and the Christian duty of liberally supporting gospel ordinances. My reception in each case was most cordial and brotherly—the meetings, in the circumstances, well attended—and the spirit evinced most commendable and hopeful. So far as I could learn, all seemed to agree that the time had now come, when the United Presbyterian Church in Canada should be literally self-supporting—and most were of opinion that we *could* and *should* do something to spread the gospel in other lands.

Except in one case, the stipend of the ministers is at least equal to the sum proposed by the Committee as in every case desirable—and in nearly all the congregations, a willingness was expressed to contribute freely to the Home Mission Fund, in order that the weaker congregations may be encouraged and sustained.

One instance of most exemplary liberality I may be permitted to mention; on my return home, I met an excellent member of our congregation in Guelph, who handed me the sum of *Forty Dollars* for the Home Mission Fund. If all were animated by the same spirit, how easy to support missions either at home or abroad. I shall ever entertain a pleasant recollection of my visit to these congregations and their worthy pastors. May the Head of the church bless them more and more abundantly and grant them prosperity.

Yours very faithfully.

W. ORMISTON.

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MEETING OF SYNOD.

The Synod of the U. P. Church will meet in Hamilton on Tuesday, 1st June, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M. To this notice we have been requested to add the following kind invitation, for which we hope members will be duly grateful:—

"All members of Synod are respectfully invited to come immediately on their arrival, directly to the U. P. Church, McNab street, where a committee will be in waiting to receive them, and direct them to the homes where a cordial welcome awaits them during the session of the Synod.

W. ORMISTON."

U. P. DIVINITY HALL.

The session of the Hall closed on Thursday 8th April. A meeting connected therewith was held in Gould-st Church in the evening. The Rev. the Moderator of Synod occupied the chair, and there were present of the committee on Theological Education, together with the chairman, the Rev. Messrs. Dick and Kennedy and Dr. Taylor. After singing

and prayer, an address was delivered from the chair, Dr. Taylor read a Lecture, addresses were delivered by Messrs. Dick and Kennedy, and the proceedings were concluded with prayer, singing and the benediction. The number of students who attended this year was fifteen, to wit: of the *fourth* year, two; of the *third*, four; of the *second*, five; of the *first*, four. The Hall was never before in so efficient a condition. Next session will (D. V.) commence on Tuesday, 19th October, and it is hoped that Presbyteries having students under inspection will arrange so as to allow them to be present at the opening. It is proposed that the portion of the New Testament to be read next session, shall be the epistle to the Hebrews, from the beginning to chap. X, verse 19th. The Committee on Theological Education will meet at Hamilton on Wednesday, 2nd June, at 8 A. M.

U. P. PRESBYTERY OF BRANT.

At the meeting of this Presbytery held in Paris on the 6th of April, the Rev. A. Drummond, for reasons connected with