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HASTE NOT—REST NOT.

BY GOETHE.

Without haste! without rest!
Bind the motto to thy breast!
Bear it with thee as a spoil:
Storm or sunshine, guard it well!
Heed not flowers that round thee bloom,
Bear it onward to the tomb!

Haste not—let no thoughtless deed
Mar for e'er the spirit's speed;
Ponder well and know the right,
Onward, then, with all thy might;
Haste not—years can ne'er atone
For one reckless action done!

Rest not! life is sweeping by,
Go and DARE before you die;
Something mighty and sublime
Leave behind to conquer time;
Glorious 'tis to live for aye
When these forms have past away.

Haste not! rest not! calmly wait,
Mockly bear the storms of fate;
Duty be thy polar guide—
Do the right, whate'er betide—
Haste not—rest not—conflicts past,
God shall crown thy work at last.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The next ordinary meeting of the Presbytery of Hamilton will be held at Hamilton on Monday, the 12th June, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and in connection with the meeting of Presbytery there will be held on Tuesday, the 13th, at 2 o'clock, p. m. a meeting for Conference on the State of Religion within the bounds of the Presbytery, at which not only the Ministers and representative Elders, but all the members of the various Sessions belonging to the Presbytery of Hamilton, are invited and earnestly exhorted to be present.

Session Records which were not forwarded to last meeting are required to be presented on the 12th June.

M. V. STARR, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery is appointed to be held in the usual place, on Wednesday, the 14th June, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

T. WIGHTMAN, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

The next meeting of Presbytery is appointed to be held at Cobourg, on Monday, 12th June, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

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

PRESBYTERY OF PERTH.

The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery will be held at Hytowa, on the evening of the second Tuesday in September.

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

SABBATH COMMITTEE.

The above Committee will meet at Kingston, on Monday, the 12th June, at 12 o'clock.

ROBT. F. BURNS, *Convener.*

COMMITTEE ON BOOK OF DISCIPLINE.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Book of Discipline will meet in Knox's College, on Wednesday, 14th June, at 12 o'clock noon.

M. WILLIS, } *Conveners.*
G. SNELLIE, }

AGENCY COMMITTEE AND RECORD COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of this Committee is requested in Knox's College on Tuesday, the 13th June, at 3 o'clock, p. m.

The following are the names of the members of this Committee: Rev. R. Ure, *Convener*; Messrs. Bayne, Young, Lowry, Irvine, Shaw, McLellan, and McMurrich, and Dr. Burns.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF SYNOD.

Members of Synod are requested on their arrival at Toronto, to call at the Vestry of Knox's Church, where a Committee will be in attendance to direct them to the families whose hospitality they will enjoy during the Sessions of Synod.

MEETING OF SYNOD.

The Annual Meeting of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada will be held (D. V.) in the City of Toronto, and within Knox's Church, on Wednesday, the 14th day of June, 1854, at Three o'clock, p. m., and will be opened with Sermon as usual.

TO PRESBYTERY CLERKS.

Presbytery Clerks are earnestly requested to forward to the Rev. Wm. Reid, Toronto, the Clerk of the Synod, eight days before the meeting of Synod, Rolls of their respective Presbyteries, so that the Synod Roll may be made up at the commencement of the Session:

Presbytery Clerks are also requested to forward to the Synod, the necessary certificates and extracts with reference to such Students of Divinity, as may be proposed for being taken on trials for license.

Presbyteries will be expected to report their approval or disapproval of the explanatory clause, proposed to be adopted, with reference to certain passages in the Confession of Faith.

Presbyteries are also directed to report to the Synod, such congregations as have continued to neglect the stated collections.

Presbyteries are required by the Synod, to present written reports on the subject of religion within their bounds.

Presbytery Clerks are required by the Synod to prepare and forward condensed reports of all cases of license, ordination, induction, deposition and death of ministers, within the bounds of the several Presbyteries during the year.

It is desirable that all Overtures, References, Petitions; and other papers to be laid before the Synod, be forwarded as early as possible, so that the business of the Synod may be properly arranged.

Kirk Sessions are reminded that if one of their own number cannot attend the meeting of Synod, they may elect one connected with another congregation.

The following is the form of Commission appointed by the Synod to be followed in such a case:—

"At _____, the _____ day of _____, one thousand, &c., years, which pay the Session of _____ having met and been constituted, (*inter alia*);—The Session proceeded to elect a representative to the ensuing meeting of Synod, when Mr. A. B., an Elder in the Session of C., was nominated and chosen; wherefore the Session did, and hereby do, appoint the said A. B. to be their representative, willing him to have in view, in all his actings, the best interests of the Church and the glory of God, and they authorize the Moderator or Clerk to subscribe this as his commission as their representative Elder."

(Signed) D. E., *Moderator (or Clerk)* as the case may be.

Wm. Reid, *Synod Clerk.*