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## COLLECTION FOR THE FRENCH CANADIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Synod have appointed this collection to be taken up on the third Sabbath of July. The ministers and preachers who supply the congregations and mission stations of the Church, are requested to give timely notice, and impress the importance of the object upon the attention of the people.

### MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.

A meeting of the Committee on the Widows' Fund, will be held in the Session room of Knox's Church, Hamilton, on Friday, the 9th July, at seven o'clock, P.M. *Geo. Elmslie, Secretary.*

**MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE.**—Dr. Burns, Mr. Smellie, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Gale, Mr. Scott, Mr. R. Boyd, Mr. McLean, Mr. D. Fraser, ministers; and Mr. Fisher, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Elmslie, Mr. Walker, Mr. McLellan, Mr. Geo. Davidson, Mr. Blain, Mr. Ferrier, Mr. McMurrich, Mr. Jas. Shaw, Mr. Spreull, Mr. Burns, Mr. Brodie, Mr. Morgan, Hon. John McDonald, Mr. Darie, Mr. W. H. Ellerbeck, Mr. Fraser, London, Mr. Smith, Woodscock, Mr. John Millar, Mr. A. Macalister, Dr. Dickson, Mr. C. S. Paterson, Mr. Wm. Murray, Mr. J. Redpath, Mr. Davidson, Mr. J. B. Greenshields, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Munro, Mr. James Paterson, Mr. Cattanach, and Mr. A. McNabb. John Fisher, Esq., Hamilton, Convener.

### PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

An Adjourned Meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto, will be held in the usual place, on Wednesday, 7th July, at 11 o'clock, A.M.

### PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The Presbytery of London will meet in St. Andrew's Church, London, on the second Wednesday, 11th August, at ten o'clock, A.M.

### PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

#### PART OF THE REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS FOR 1851-2.

*The remainder in a subsequent Number.*

The Presbytery has much cause of gratitude in reflecting on the progress which has been made during the past year in filling up vacant or unoccupied stations with a settled ministry. The important charges of Whitby, village and rear; of Brock, Reach, and Scott; of Acton and Boston, Esqueping; and of Union and Norral; have all been comfortably provided for in the settlement over them, respectively, of Mr. Finlay, formerly of Dalhousie; of Mr. Mitchell, from the North of Ireland; of Mr. McLachlan, formerly of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scot-

land; and of Mr. Joseph Alexander, from the North of Ireland. It ought to be remarked, however, that several of these were old and regular pastoral charges, the filling up of which did not materially affect the clamant wants of many localities; and all of them were supplied by members of the Presbytery, or by missionary catechists for several months prior to their settlement.

The station at Humber, or Lambton Village, has been regularly supplied with sermon at three o'clock, every Sabbath, by ministers not having pastoral charges, and by the students at Knox's College. No resident catechist has been there since Mr. Troup, some years ago; and the likelihood of its becoming a settled station or charge, had been diminished by the circumstance of Weston having ceased to be a preaching station.—This was owing chiefly to the lessening of the number of adherents by removals and other ways; but the Presbytery have much pleasure in reporting, that within these few weeks, an application from about twenty heads of families in and near that village, has been made for regular supply; and the increase already of inhabitants, with good prospects of still larger increase, by the near approximation of the railway to the village, renders these two villages, Weston and Lambton, a most likely station for an united charge. The Presbytery have therefore resolved to grant them regular supply from henceforth.

The stations of Vaughan and King, have been supplied, during the winter months, nearly in the same way as the station of Humber, and Mr. Andrew Tolmie, student of Divinity, was stationed there, from April to November last. The difficulties arising out of the differences of language, have continued to perplex all parties; but circumstances have lately occurred to cherish in our minds the hope, that an amicable adjustment may be effected. In the meantime, the spiritual wants of both townships, together with Tecumseth, will be attended to by the Rev. James Adams, from Ireland.

Nassagaweya, with a large population of eighty Presbyterian families, has been, for the last year, totally neglected. A small portion of the inhabitants, indeed, having the Gaelic language, may be attended to by Mr. McLachlan, of Acton, but the field is still wide and inviting. One of the advanced students has been labouring there since the close of the session, and if he is removed now, his place behoves to be supplied by another. A proposal will be made to the Synod to sanction the separation of Nassagaweya from Toronto Presbytery, and to attach it to Hamilton, and if so, an arrangement for the partial superintendance of the township may be more easily made.

West Gwillimbury and Bradford, though the first congregation that applied to the Presbytery, in 1844, for supply, remains, as before, destitute of a regular ministry. The people of that township have met with many disappointments, and well deserve sympathy. Mr. Chesnut had the charge of them for some months of last season.—During the winter one day out of two has been supplied by the students, and since April, Mr. Jas. Black has been the resident Catechist. The la-

bours of Mr. B. have been highly appreciated, and an earnest appeal has been made for his continuance till November. The Presbytery earnestly recommend this appeal to the considerate and favourable attention of the Synod's Committee. Notwithstanding all the difficulties which have stood in the way of a comfortable settlement of a pastor in this important locality, the appearances of spiritual life are, at this time, very encouraging; and the secular importance of the district must be greatly enhanced by the rapidly advancing Railway, which skirts the bounds.

There are several important and rising districts on the east which strongly require help. North Gwillimbury, Georgina, Whitechurch, and Scott; Newmarket and Queensville, Holland Landing, and David's Town—not to look at places more remote—hold out the signals of distress, and the Presbytery feel that there is a loud call to listen to such appeals. Nearer the city, and at the distance of fourteen miles, on the Kingston Road, a nice small church has been built at a place called Highland Creek, where worship has been kept up by Mr. Wigfliman, of Scarborough, and the ministers and students from the city. It is a station entirely new, and the Presbytery would claim for it immediate and friendly regard.

The Presbytery record their grateful sense of benefits derived from occasional aid granted them by Mr. Wickson, and the students in Mr. Lillie's Academy; and they offer, hereby, to these gentlemen their warmest thanks.

In conclusion, the Presbytery thank God for the progress made, and for many favorable symptoms of his approbation. May the droppings of the spiritual shower be succeeded by a plentiful rain!

ROBERT BURNS,  
Convener of Committee.

June 7, 1852.

### PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

#### HOME MISSION REPORT—1851-2.

During the past year the Home Missionary operations of this Presbytery have been sorely crippled, in consequence of the very limited supply of missionary labourers at command. Some progress, however, has been made in the settlement of Pastors over congregations, hitherto dependent on the supplies of moveable missionaries—and in other localities there is the prospect of similar settlements.

Reviewing our field from East to West—we find at Metis, the most remote of our stations, Mr. Kedey, student, labouring with earnestness among British and French inhabitants. This outpost has peculiar claims upon us, planted as it is in the midst of wide-spread Popery.

Several stations open out before us in the District of Quebec, and these were visited during the past winter by the energetic deputy from the Free Church, who occupied the City of Quebec, the Rev. Mr. Walker. We hope to pay more attention to these localities, so soon as the vacancy in Quebec is filled up.