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SEED-TIME

"Cast thy bread upon the water,"
Sow in faith the little seed;
Be not idle, faint, or weary,
God's eternal promise plead
With the old man and the stripling,
With the rich and with the poor,
Think that, when to-morrow dawneth,
Seed-time MAY be thine no more.

"Cast thy bread upon thy waters,"
Sow in faith the little seed;
Wind and drought, and rain and sunshine,
Still each other shall succeed.
In the morning, in the evening,
Scatter still with bounteous hand;
Here and there, some grain forgotten,
Germinates in fruitful land.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters,"
Sow in faith the little seed;
Be of great results expectant,
For the harvest is decreed.
Now thou knowest not the issue,
Now thou must confide in God;
He can cause thy work to prosper,
Guiding all events for good.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters,"
Sow in faith the little seed;
Of an unseen blessing follows
Some unthought-of word or deed.
God shall give the sweet rejoicing
After many anxious days,
And thine everlasting anthem
Shall declare the Master's praise.

—Snatches of Sacred Song.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The next meeting of this Presbytery will be held at Oakville, on Tuesday the 10th of June, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

THOS. WIGHTMAN, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE AND OTTAWA.

The next meeting of this Presbytery will be held in Prescott, on the first Tuesday in June, at 7 o'clock, p. m.

Congregational Reports and Session Records are to be called for on the occasion.

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

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

This Presbytery will meet for business at Cobourg, on second Monday of June, at 6, p. m.

JAS. BOWIE, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

This Presbytery will hold an adjourned meeting at London, on Wednesday, 11th June, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

JOHN SCOTT, *Pres. Clerk.*

MEETING OF SYNOD.

The Annual Meeting of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada will be held (D. V.) in the City of London, and within St. Andrew's Church, on Wednesday, the 11th day of June, 1856, at seven 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 are also directed to report to the Synod, such congregations as have continued to neglect the stated collections.

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 day 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 acting, 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.*

MEETING OF HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Home Meeting Committee took place on the evening of the 29th of April, which was attended by a large number of members from the Presbyteries of London, Hamilton, Toronto, Cobourg and Kingston. A list of Ministers and Catechists having been made up, and applications read from the several Presbyteries, the following distribution was made, viz:

To the Presbytery of London; Rev. Messrs. Rennie, Beattie, Findlay (for three months), Messrs. McMullen, McDiarmid, Blount, Clark, McLean, and Frazer.

To the Presbytery of Hamilton; Rev. Messrs. Craigie, Middlemiss, Hume, and Messrs. Cuthbertson, McMillan, Murray, Thon, Milloy (for three months), Millican, Matheson, and P. McDiarmid.

To Presbytery of Toronto; Rev. Messrs. McKee, Crawford, Troup, Messrs. McKay, Cameron, Anderson, Whyte, McDonald, Greenfield, Bremner, and Lochead.

To Presbytery of Cobourg:—Rev. Mr. Tait.
To Presbytery of Kingston:—Rev. Mr. Jamieson; Messrs. Forrest and Fenwick.

To Presbytery of Brockville and Ottawa:—Rev. Messrs. Melville, McMeekin, and Messrs. McRobie, Paterson, McEwen, and Mackay.

To Presbytery of Montreal:—Rev. Messrs. Grant (for three months), Chesnut, and Messrs. Young, Straith, McQueen, and Duncan.

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Synod that the sum of £30 should be named as a suitable remuneration for the missionary services of students during the summer vacation; and also that Presbyteries should be instructed to transact with congregations on the one hand and with the missionaries on the other, so as to relieve the latter from the unpleasant position in which they might otherwise be placed.

The meeting then adjourned.

W. REID, *Convener.*