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TEN THOUSAND STARS.

A HYMN TO CHRIST.

Ten thousand stars, at middle night,  
If clustered all in one,  
Would gleam a lamp obscurely bright,  
Before His face whose name is LIGHT—  
JEHOVAH'S glorious Son.

Ten thousand suns, at sultry noon,  
If fused in one great ball,  
Would coldly glare, a languid moon,  
When soared in sight Jehovah's boon—  
The church's all in all.

Ten thousand worlds, exceeding fair,  
If made one lovely whole,  
A waste would be of bleak despair,  
Were not His presence smiling there,  
Who loves and saves the soul.

Ten thousand seas, of sunny blue,  
In one majestic rolled—  
A gulf would yawn of murky hue,  
Till He around His glory threw,  
Who trod the waves of old.

Ten thousand realms of heavenly grace  
To one bright focus brought,  
Were but a dungeon dwelling-place  
Apart from thee, thou God of grace,  
Whose blood redemption bought.

Ten thousand shouts salute thine ear,  
Thou precious dying Lamb—  
The very dead send forth a cheer;  
Convalesced, they feel redemption near,  
For sin no more can damn.

Ten thousand thanks, thou holy One!  
Thy love exceeds our praise;  
When time is past, and worlds are done,  
And stars extinguished, and the sun,  
Thy glory still will blaze.

Ten thousand crowns of glory thine—  
Ten thousand harps belong—  
Strike, strike the lyre, ye sons divine,  
Till God for silence gives a sign,  
And saith, "Suspend your song."

O holy Lord! send forth thy breath,  
And quicken all the slain—  
Like swords within a rotten sheath,  
Lo! myriads lie around in death—  
All help from man is vain!

Breathe, and the dead from death shall rise,  
An army great and free—  
Then march to fill thy glorious skies,  
And throng thy throne with joyous cries,  
And love and worship thee.

ZENAS.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will take place at London, on the second Tuesday of May, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

JOHN SCOTT, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

This Presbytery will hold its next ordinary meeting in Cobourg, on the first Tuesday of May, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

J. BOWIE, *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 MONTREAL.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held on the first Wednesday of May.

D. FRASER, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held in Knox's Church, Hamilton, on the first Tuesday in May, at one o'clock, p. m.

M. Y. STARR, *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 Eleven o'clock a. 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 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.*

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The Presbytery of Hamilton held their ordinary meeting on the 3d inst., when there was a good attendance of Ministers and several elders.

Mr. Smellie reported as to having, by the instructions of Presbytery, organized a Session in connection with the Congregation at Elora.

Mr. Inglis reported that he had dispensed the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Doon Mills, and New Hope, as appointed by the Presbytery.

In accordance with a petition from Port Dover and Simcoe, to have a call moderated in from these congregations, Mr. Irvine was appointed to moderate in a call at Port Dover on the 28th, and at Simcoe on the 29th inst.