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DEATH.

WRITTEN BY DR. MARTIN LUTHER, IN 1525.

Thy will be done. With joyful heart
I hear the summons to depart;
While others wake, to watch and weep,
Gently in Christ I fall asleep.

Our Saviour true, and God's dear Son,
This, for his people, Christ has won,
Falling, they conquer in the strife—
Death is to them the gate of life.

Him hast thou shown, my God, to me,
Blessing and praise for this to Thee
Him thou wilt show to every nation,
Of all thy people the salvation;
'Mid isles and seas the world around
Shall yet be heard the joyful sound.
On nations sitting now in night,
Yet shall He rise—a joyful light—
And guide them to eternal day,
Himself the life, the truth, the way,
O Israel! arise and shine,
Desire of nations, He is thine.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The next meeting of the Presbytery of London will be held in St. Andrew's Church, London, on the 2nd Wednesday of August, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

W. S. BALL, P. C.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The Presbytery of Hamilton will hold its next ordinary meeting on Tuesday, the 12th of August, at 3 o'clock P. M.

M. Y. STARK.

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

The Presbytery of Cobourg will meet at Cobourg on the first Tuesday of August

JOHN W. SMITH, P. C.

PRESBYTERY OF PERTH.

The Presbytery of Perth will meet on the second Tuesday of September, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

P. GRAY, Pres. Clerk.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

A meeting of the Synod's Committee on the above, will be held at Belleville, on Thursday 7th August, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Names of members, Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Mr. Rintoul, Mr. Gale, Mr. Macgregor, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Burns, Mr. McMurray, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Wm Reid, ministers; Dr. Dickson, Mr. Redpath, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Keith, Mr. Gibson, elders.

R. F. BURNS, Convener.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

An adjourned meeting of Toronto Presbytery was held on the 9th and 10th of July, which was attended by eleven Ministers and six Elders.

The Rev. A. Gale was appointed Moderator for the ensuing twelve months.

At a former meeting, during the Synod, a memorial or petition had been presented to the Presbytery, representing about a hundred and ninety Presbyterian families in Toronto praying to be organized into a second congregation in connexion with our Church.

The memorial having been favourably received, a committee had been appointed to meet and confer with the petitioners and report to the Presbytery.

That committee reported accordingly; whereupon, the committee was re-appointed with additions, to take preliminary steps toward the organizing of the new congregation.

Three calls in favour of the Rev. John McLachlan, who had just been received into full connection with our Church, were laid upon the table of Presbytery.

These calls were from W. Gwillimbury, the united congregations of Thorah and Eldon, and of Acton and Boston churches, Esquimaux. This was a matter of more than usual interest.

All the calls were sustained and put into the hands of Mr. McLachlan, who was present; but to which of them to give the preference the Presbytery felt no small difficulty.

Mr. McLachlan was requested to communicate his own intention in the matter, if he felt at liberty to do so, that the Presbytery might be the better enabled to come to a decision; whereupon after prayerful consideration Mr. McLachlan signified his intention to close with the call from the united congregations of Acton and Boston.

After lengthened deliberation the Presbytery decided in favour of that call, and appointed Mr. McLachlan's induction to take place at Acton, on the third Wednesday of August, at noon, and at Boston church the following day.

The congregations of Gwillimbury and of Thorah and Eldon have thus suffered no small disappointment; but it is hoped they will not be discouraged, and that ere long they will be supplied with faithful Pastors.

Arrangements were made for dispensing the Communion in the vacant congregations in Vaughan and King, in Thorah and Eldon, and in Brock and Reach, and also for moderating in a call in the last named congregations in favour of Mr. John Smith.

The Rev. John Mitchell, an ordained Missionary from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, appeared in the Presbytery and made application to be received as a Minister into the Church. Mr. M presented satisfactory testimonials, whereupon the Presbytery unanimously agreed to receive him as an ordained Missionary of this Church, agreeably to the Act of Synod for the Reception of Ministers from other Churches.

Mr. Donald Fraser, A. M., Student in Divinity, went through his trials for licence, whereupon the Presbytery having declared their full satisfaction with the various pieces of trial, proceeded to license Mr. Fraser to preach the Gospel of Christ, and exercise his gifts as a probationer for the Holy Ministry.

Dr. Burns was appointed Convener of the Home Mission Committee of Presbytery, in room of Mr. Harris resigned.

The Moderator tendered the thanks of the Presbytery to Mr Harris for his faithful discharge of the duties of the Controversy for several years.

The next ordinary meeting of the Presbytery will be held in the usual place, on the first Wednesday of September, at noon.

THO. WIGHTMAN.