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MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.

A meeting of the Synod's Committee on the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, will be held in Knox's College, Toronto, on Wednesday, 24th day of December, at 7 o'clock, p. m.

Geo. ELMSLIE, Secretary.

Members of Committee.—Messrs. Gale, Young, Smellie, Cheyne, McLean, Dr. Burns, ministers; and Messrs. Fisher, Osborne, Elmslie, Walker, McLellan, Davidson, Blain, Ferrier, McMurrich, Shaw, Burns, Brodie, Durie, Redpath, Murray, Gibb, Morgan, Hon. John McDonald, Mr. P. S. Stevenson, elders.

Hamilton, Nov. 22nd, 1851.

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

The Presbytery of Cobourg will meet at Peterboro' on the first Tuesday of February, at half-past nine o'clock, A.M.

JOHN W. SMITH, P. C.

The Presbytery of Cobourg has made arrangements for holding the following Missionary meetings during the first week in February, viz:—

- At Keene, on Monday evening.
- Peterboro', on Tuesday evening.
- North Cavan on Wednesday morning.
- South Cavan on Wednesday evening.
- Cartwright and Manvers on Thursday.
- Enniskillen on Friday morning.
- Bowmanville on Friday evening.

COLLECTION FOR THE SYNOD FUND.

This Collection, by appointment of Synod, will be taken up in all the Congregations and Mission Stations of the Church, on the third Sabbath in January. It is to be borne in mind, that since the collection for the Home Mission Fund was discontinued, the demands upon this Fund are greatly increased.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The Presbytery of London met at Willis' Church, Blenheim, on the 13th ult., Rev. John Ross, Moderator, for the purpose of ordaining and inducting the Rev. Duncan McRuar into the pastoral charge of the united congregation of Blenheim and Paris. After the sermon, which was preached from Isaiah ix. 6, 7, the Presbytery was constituted; and the Rev. Mr. Lindsay, of Ayr, being present, was invited to sit with the Presbytery and take part in the exercises on the interesting occasion. After the usual questions had been asked by the Moderator, and satisfactorily answered by Mr. McRuar, he was solemnly ordained to the work of the holy ministry, by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery. Afterwards, the Moderator solemnly and suitably addressed the young minister, and Mr. Ball addressed the people. The whole exercises were concluded with prayer by Rev. Mr. Lindsay. After the benediction, the numerous and respectable congregation cordially welcomed their minister in the usual way.

This settlement is altogether a happy and harmonious one. This pastoral tie has been maturely formed. During six or seven months before the call, Mr. McRuar had proved himself a suitable workman, and the hearts and affections of the people were thereby drawn to him. The field of labour is inviting, and I have no doubt will be productive of great good. The new Church was opened upon the auspicious occasion, and is called Willis' Church, out of respect to our much-valued Dr., whose services in the Church have already conferred the blessings of so many pastors upon our congregations. The Church is a neat, commodious building; the interior especially shews much taste and spirit on the part of the contractor and building committee. Although the weather was very stormy, yet a large and attentive audience was present on the occasion.

W. S. BALL.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

The Presbytery of Kingston met at Kingston, on the 5th of November. Messrs. Reid and Gregg reported that, in accordance with appointment of Presbytery, they had visited and preached in Madoc, and found the state of things there, on the whole, satisfactory. The new church was nearly enclosed, and the people were looking forward with great anxiety to Mr. Finlay's acceptance of their call to him.

Messrs. Reid and Gregg also reported that they had visited and preached in Hillier, and that a committee was appointed for taking steps to complete and liquidate the debt on the church there.

The committee, for the examination of students, reported that they had examined Messrs. Ralph Smith and Archibald Crawford, and that the result proved satisfactory.

It was reported that the Home Mission Committee had allocated Mr. Chesnut to this Presbytery during the winter. Mr. Chesnut was

appointed to labor in the station near Kingston, till the next meeting of Presbytery.

Messrs. Robert Reid and Robert F. Burns were appointed a committee to confer with the people in the last mentioned stations, with a view to the settlement of all out standing accounts, and to assist Mr. Chesnut in arranging the plan of his operations.

The proposed declaratory enactment, respecting the 23rd chapter of the Confession of Faith, having been brought before the Presbytery, the members expressed their opinions on the subject; and Messrs. Henry Gordon and William Reid were appointed a committee to prepare a resolution, to be submitted to the Presbytery at its next meeting.

Missionary meetings were appointed to be held as follows—

- Pictou, Tuesday, 6th January.
- Demoregville, Wednesday, 7th January.
- Belleville, Monday, 12th "
- Tyendinaga, Tuesday, 13th "
- Huntingdon, Wednesday, 14th "
- Madoc, Thursday, 15th "

The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Belleville, on the second Tuesday of January. Several other matters having been disposed of, the Presbytery was closed with prayer.

WILLIAM GREGG, Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

The Presbytery of Brockville held its quarterly meeting at Prescott, on the 4th of November. There was a full attendance of ministers with two elders. The following were among the most important subjects that occupied the attention of the court. The subject of the schemes of the Church was again brought before the Presbytery, and a minute was entered on the Presbytery book to the effect that each congregation and station within the bounds shall give a quarterly reports of the collections made in behalf of the said schemes and in any case where the collection has not been taken, or neglected, a reason must be given to the Presbytery for such neglect or omission, and the Presbytery deal with the case as may seem advisable.

Mr. McMurray gave a report of his visit to Charleston and Newboro'. He stated that he had visited these places and preached at them, and found that together with Bedford, there are in all about thirty-eight Presbyterian families, who expressed an anxious desire to enjoy the labours of a missionary from the Presbytery, promising, at the same time, their readiness to contribute to his pecuniary support according to their ability. The report spoke favourably of the opening presented in these localities for a missionary, and the Presbytery thereupon, at once agreed to take the places under their care as missionary stations, and appointed Mr. McMurray, as soon as the roads and his other avocations permitted, to visit them again, and make known to them the willingness of the Presbytery to give them missionary sup-