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CHASTENING IN LOVE.

BY THE LATE RIGHT HON. SIR ROBERT GRANT.

"Blessed is the man whom Thou chastenest."

O Saviour, whose mercy, severe in its kindness,
Has chastened my wanderings and guided my way,
Adored be the power which illumined my blindness,
And weaned me from phantoms that smiled to betray.
Enchanted with all that was dazzling and fair,
I followed the rainbow—I caught at the toy;
And still in displeasure thy goodness was there,
Disappointing the hope, and defeating the joy.
The blossom blushed bright, but a worm was below;
The moonlight shone fair, there was blight in the beam;
Sweet whispered the breeze, but it whispered of woe,
And bitterness flowed in the soft flowing stream.
So cur'd of my folly, yet cured but in part,
I turned to the refuge thy pity displayed;
And still did this eager and credulous heart
Weave visions of promise that bloomed but to fade.

I thought that the course of the pilgrim to heaven
Would be bright as the summer and glad as the morn;
Thou show'dst me thy path—it was dark and uneven,
All rugged with rock, and all tangled with thorn.
I dreamed of celestial rewards and renown;
I grasped at the triumph which blesses the brave;
I asked for the palm-branch, the robe, and the crown;
I asked—and thou showedst me a cross and a grave.
Subdued and instructed, at length, to thy will
My hopes and my longings I fain would resign;
O give me the heart that can wait and be still,
Nor know of a wish or a pleasure but thine.
There are mansions exempted from sin and from woe,
But they stand in a region by mortals untrod:
There are rivers of joy, but they roll not below;
There is rest—but it dwells in the presence of God.

SYNODICAL COLLECTIONS FOR THE YEAR.

1. For the French Canadian Missionary Society, on the 3rd Sabbath of July.
2. For the Buxton Mission and Synod Fund, on the 3rd Sabbath of October.
3. For the Foreign Missions of the Free Church of Scotland, on the 3rd Sabbath of Jan'y.
4. For the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, on the 3rd Sabbath of April.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Notice to the Ministers of the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

The undersigned would respectfully call the attention of all concerned, to the following regulations under which this Fund is administered:—

1. Ministers shall forward their annual rate of £2 to the Treasurer, on or before the first of November. Ministers falling into arrears, shall pay in addition to the regular rate, 10s for the first year, 20s for the second year, and 30s for the third year; but falling for four years, they shall be cut off from the Fund. Notice of failure to pay, in every case, to be previously given.
2. Entrants into the ministry, shall pay their first rate on the first November, next following their ordination or induction.

ALEX. GALE, Sec'y & Treas.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

Next ordinary meeting of Presbytery will be held on the first Wednesday of December, in the usual place, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

T. WHITMAN, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF PERTH.

The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery will be held at Perth, on the 10th January next, at 7 o'clock, p. m.

S. C. FRASER, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

The next meeting of Presbytery is appointed to be held at Cobourg, on the first Tuesday of February, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

J. W. SMITH, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery is appointed to be held at Demorestville, on Tuesday, 10th January, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

W. GREGG, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

The Presbytery of Brockville will meet at Prescott, on the first Tuesday of February, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

JOHN McMURRAY, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF PERTH.

The following programme of Missionary Meetings for this winter, has been adopted by the Presbytery at its last meeting:—

North Gower.....	Dec. 27, at 3, p. m.
Goulbourn.....	28, at 7, p. m.
Beckwith.....	29, at 11, a. m.
Carleton Place.....	29, at 7, p. m.
Ramsay.....	30, at 11, a. m.
Messrs. Wardrope, Gray, and Duncan.	

Bristol.....	Jan. 2, at 2, p. m.
Pembroke.....	3, at 7, p. m.
Castleford.....	5, at 11, a. m.
Renfrew.....	5, at 6, p. m.
Burnstown.....	6, at 11, a. m.
White Lake.....	6, at 6, p. m.
Messrs. Fraser, Melville, and Smith.	

Perth..... Jan. 11, at 7, p. m.
The Presbytery.

Dalhousie, Ninth Line.....	Jan. 12, at 11, a. m.
Do. St. Andrews.....	12, at 7, p. m.
Messrs. Duncan, Gray and Smith.	

Bytown.....	Jan. 23, at 7, p. m.
Gloucester.....	24, at 11, a. m.
Osgoode.....	24, at 7, p. m.
Nepean.....	25, at 1, p. m.
Bell's Corners.....	25, at 7, p. m.
Hardley.....	26, at 11, a. m.
Aylmer.....	26, at 6, p. m.
Messrs. Lockhead, Corbett, and Gourlay.	

Cumberland.....	Jan. 31, at 11, a. m.
Wakefield.....	Feb. 1, at 6, p. m.
Messrs. Wardrope, Lockhead, and Gourlay.	

S. C. FRASER,
Pres. Clerk