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PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL

The ordinary Quarterly Meeting of this court is appointed to be held at Cornwall, on the 1st Wednesday of August.
A. F. KEMP, Clerk, pro tem.

Proceedings of Presbyteries, &c.

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

This Presbytery met at Cobourg, on the 26th of May.

Mr. John Smith reported that he had preached and presided at the moderation of a call in Cartwright; and that the people were unanimous in the choice of the Rev. William Windell. Mr. Stewart, elder, laid the said call on the table, which was numerously signed, and contained a guarantee for £150 of stipend. The call was sustained. As Mr. Windell had not completed the year of missionary labour required by the Church, it was agreed to apply to the Synod for leave, on his accepting this call, to settle him immediately.

It was reported that four missionaries had been assigned to this Presbytery, who had been located as follows—at Percy and Seymour, Mr. Snell; at Cartwright, Mr. Windell; at Bethesda Church and Alawick, Mr. Thom; at Colborne, Mr. Duncan. It was agreed that this arrangement continue till next meeting.

It was agreed to approve generally of the overture on Elders and Deacons, but to recommend certain alterations.

The Overture on Congregational affairs, was approved of.

Mr. McKenzie reported that he had preached and presided at the moderation of a call at Percy, which was in favour of the Rev. George Cuthbertson. Mr. Herriot, elder, laid on the table the call, and also a paper of adherence, both of which were numerously signed. The Subscription list of the congregation was also produced. The Presbytery agreed to sustain the call, but on the understanding that the stipend be £150.

The Rev. J. W. Smith laid on the table, a document stating that as the three stations were more than he could manage without injury to himself, and the cause of Christ, he herewith tendered his resignation of the Colborne Congregation.

Half yearly Financial Reports were received from Otanabee, South Cavan and Millbrooke, Enniskillen, Grafton, and Norwood.

The Presbytery agreed to apply at the ensuing meeting of Synod for leave take on trials for license, Mr. James Thom, and Mr. Peter Duncan, both of whom had completed their curriculum at Knox's College.

The next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held, with permission of Synod, at Kingston.

JAMES BOWIE, Pres. Clerk.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

In presenting their Annual Report, the Committee on the State of Religion beg to notice, that in accordance with the recommendation of last Synod a series of monthly tracts has been prepared by ministers in various Presbyteries, and published through the agency of the Committee on Publication at Hamilton. These tracts have, upon the whole, been well received, and their circulation has amounted to 45,390, of which 1,546 have been circulated gratuitously. The tracts issued have been as follows, viz:—

1. "The Church and the World," by Rev. D. Fraser, Mon cal.
2. "Quench not the Spirit," by Rev. T. Wardrope.
3. "Salvation," by the Rev. D. Inglis.
4. "Prayer," by the Rev. Wm. Gregg.
5. On the "Work of the Spirit," by the Rev. J. McFavish.
6. On "Regeneration," by the Rev. W. McAlister.
- 7 and 8. On "Liberality" by the Rev. R. F. Burns.
9. On "The Sabbath," by the Rev. J. Alexander.

In accordance further with the recommendations of last Synod, seasons of conference and prayer have been held by the several Presbyteries, and it is believed by many of the Sessions and Deacons Courts. From the Reports of the Corresponding Members of the various Presbyteries, the following particulars have been gathered regarding the state of religion throughout our Church:—

1st. As regards the state of family religion the Reports differ much. Two Presbyteries report, that family worship is not so regularly attended to as might be expected in so large a membership, another Presbytery reports that family worship is regularly maintained by most of the members, and by not a few of the adherents.

2nd. The Reports state that the religious training of the young is, upon the whole, attended to, either by parents or Sabbath School teachers, and all the reports speak favorably of Sabbath Schools throughout the Church, though in some of the Reports complaints are made of the tendency of parents to transfer their obligations to the Sabbath School teacher.

3rd. The Reports of the various Corresponding members state, that, while there is a vast amount of Sabbath desecration throughout the country, upon the whole, the Sabbath is observed by most of the members of our Church in a becoming manner, and all the Reports speak favorably of the attention and attendance of the people on the public means of grace and that their liberality to religious and charitable objects is, upon the whole, satisfactory.

4th. Most of the Reports mention cases of hopeful awakening and conversion in individual cases, but there is a general complaint

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

A special meeting of Presbytery will be held in Toronto, on the 1st July, at 11 o'clock.

The next ordinary meeting will be held in the usual place, on Wednesday, 5th July, at 11 a. m.

The Presbytery will meet in Cooke's Church in the evening, for the induction of the Rev. W. Gregg.

T. WIGHTMAN, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The next ordinary meeting will be held at London, on the first Tuesday of July, at 10 o'clock a. m.

J. Scott, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held at Picton, on the first Tuesday of August, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

J. A. TUOMSON, Pres. Clerk.