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MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

The following Presbyteries will meet at the places and times severally mentioned viz:

Montreal—At Montreal, on 3rd Wednesday of Oct. at 11 A. M.

Ottawa—At Ottawa, on first Tuesday of Nov. at 7.30 p.m.

Brockville,—At Cornwall, on 1st Tuesday of November, at 3 p.m.

Kingston,—at Belleville, on first Tuesday of Oct., at 10 a.m.

Cobourg,—Special meeting at Cobourg on 22nd Oct.

Ontario,—At Columbus, on 5th Nov., at 11 a.m.

Toronto,—At Toronto, on first Tuesday of Nov. at 11 a.m.

Guelph.—At Guelph, on 31st December.

Paris,—At Paris. on first Tuesday of Dec. at 10 a.m.

Hamilton—At Hamilton, on 2d Tuesday Oct.

Huron—At Clinton, on 2nd Tuesday of October, at 11 A. M.

Grey.—At Durham on 2d Tuesday of Oct.

STATED COLLECTIONS APPOINTED BY THE SYNOD.

For Synod Fund, on 3rd Sabbath of July.

For Widows' & Orphans' Fund, and Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers, on the 3rd Sabbath of October.

For Foreign Mission, on the 3rd Sabbath of January.

For Home Mission, on the 3rd Sabbath of April.

The Synod also recommended a collection for the French Canadian Missionary Society, on the 3rd Sabbath of September, or any other convenient day.

NO TICE.

It is absolutely necessary that all Subscriptions for the *Eccles. Astica & Missionary Record* be remitted immediately. Those in arrears are earnestly called on to attend to this notice.

To Ministers, Elders, Superintendents and Teachers of SABBATH SCHOOLS, In Connection with the CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

FROM communication, by letter and otherwise, with many whose position in the Church entitles their opinion to weight, and from long and careful reflection on my own part, I have been led to the conclusion that there exists on the part of many, a strong desire for a paper of our own, in general circulation among our youth, for the purpose of diffusing information, enlisting their interest in the operations of our church, and attaching them to its principles; in short, of a paper contributed to by our own ministers and members, and specially adapted to the wants of the young of our own section of the Christian church.

To meet this desire, I propose to issue a "Children's Paper," equal in size, typography, quality of paper and cuts, to the best of those published either in Britain or America. The price will be at the rate of ten cents a copy, when taken in quantities of fifty copies to one address. The circulation required is ten thousand, which will give an average of fifty copies to each congregation, reckoning two hundred congregations in the church. The paper will be issued monthly, from Toronto, commencing in January next, and a number of ministers have agreed to become regular contributors to it.

An outline of the matter it is proposed to contain will be found below.

1st. General articles, such as short narratives, interesting incidents, &c.

2nd. Articles illustrative of the principles and history of our own church.

3rd. Articles on the simpler and more interesting portions of the Missions of the Christian Church, with, perhaps, special attention given to our own.

4th. Articles in illustration of Scripture, its history, geography, natural history, manners and customs of its people, &c.

5th. Bible lessons, questions, and courses of lessons for Sabbath Schools.

6th. In each number, one of the better class of hymns, with accompanying music.

7th. Generally, such matter as will enlist the attention, improve the heart and mind of our youth, and tend to fit them for time and for eternity.

To avoid publishing a long list of names, it may simply be remarked that the proposed undertaking has been approved of by ministers and others throughout the entire Province, including all our principal cities and towns. My appeal now is to the congregations of the church, and the object in giving this early notice, is to afford an opportunity to all who approve of the work, to allow their subscriptions for the papers they are now taking to expire within such time as to take what will be emphatically our own paper. It is scarcely necessary to remark that it will require the support of the whole church to render it successful, and I would therefore confidently leave the matter in their hands, trusting they will see fit to give their whole patronage to the work. As there is no postage on such papers published within the province, the paper will cost about a dollar less on fifty copies, than any other we now possess. It may just be added, that the necessary purchases have been made, and arrangements entered into, so that congregations and Sabbath schools may rest assured that the Paper will be issued on the terms and conditions above stated. Subscription lists will be sent to each congregation, a short time before the first issue.

WM. OLIVER, B. A.
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