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## THE PILGRIM.

Even as a flower, or like unto the grass,  
Which now doth stand, and soon with scythe  
doth fall,  
So is our state. Now here, now hence we pass;  
For Time attends with shredding scythe for  
all;  
And Death at length both old and young doth  
strike,  
And into dust doth turn us all alike.

Yet, if we mark how swift our race doth run,  
And weigh the cause why we created be;  
Then shall we know, when that this life is done,  
We shall be sure our country right to see;  
For here we are but strangers, that must flit—  
The nearer home, the nearer to the pit.

Oh! happy they, that, pondering this aright,  
Before that here their pilgrimago be past,  
Resign this world, and march with all their  
might,  
Within that path that leads where joys shall  
last;  
And whilst they may, there treasure up their  
store,  
Where, without rust, it lasts for evermore.

This world must change—that world shall still  
endure;  
Here pleasure fade—there shall they endless  
be;  
Here man doth sin—and there he shall be pure;  
Here death he tastes—and there shall never  
die;  
Here hath he grief—and there shall joys possess  
As none hath seen, nor any heart can guess.

1855. G. WHITNEY.

## 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.

### PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

Next ordinary meeting is appointed to be held within the Session House of the Free Church, Côté Street, Montreal, on Wednesday, the 3rd May, at ten o'clock, A. M.

D. FRASER, Pres. Clerk.

### PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

The Presbytery of Brockville will hold its next ordinary, in Brockville, on the first Tuesday of May, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

JOHN McMURRAY, Pres. Clerk.

### PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The next ordinary meeting of the Presbytery of London, will be held at London, on the second Wednesday of May, at ten o'clock, A. M.

JOHN SCOTT, Pres. Clerk.

### PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery is appointed to be held in the usual place, on Wednesday, the 14th June, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

T. WIGHTMAN, Pres. Clerk.

### PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The Presbytery of Hamilton will meet in Knox's Church, Hamilton, on Tuesday, 9th of May, at 3 o'clock, P. M., for all competent business. Session Clerks are enjoined to forward the Records of Sessions to this meeting.

M. Y. STARK, Pres. Clerk.

### PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

The next meeting of Presbytery is appointed to be held at Cobourg, on Monday, 12th June, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

J. W. SMITH, Pres. Clerk.

### KNOX'S COLLEGE LIBRARY.

Ministers and others, who may have books out of this Library, are requested to return the same at their earliest convenience.

By order of the Professors.

JOHN LAING, Librarian.

### SABBATH COMMITTEE.

The above Committee will meet at Kingston, on Monday, the 12th June, at 12 o'clock.

ROBT. F. BURNS, Convener.

## MEETING OF SYNOD.

The Annual Meeting of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada will be held (D. V.) in the City of Toronto, and within Knox's Church, on Wednesday, the 14th day of June, 1854, at Three o'clock, P. M., and will be opened with Sermon as usual.

### TO PRESBYTERY CLERKS.

Presbytery Clerks are earnestly requested to forward to the Rev. Wm. REID, Toronto, the Clerk of the Synod, eight days before the meeting of Synod, Rolls of their respective Presbyteries, so that the Synod Roll may be made up at the commencement of the Session.

Presbytery Clerks are also requested to forward to the Synod, the necessary certificates and extracts with reference to such Students of Divinity, as may be proposed for being taken on trials for license.

Presbyteries will be expected to report their approval or disapproval of the explanatory clause, proposed to be adopted, with reference to certain passages in the Confession of Faith.

Presbyteries are also directed to report to the Synod, such congregations as have continued to neglect the stated collections.

Presbyteries are required by the Synod, to present written reports on the subject of religion within their bounds.

Presbytery Clerks are required by the Synod to prepare and forward condensed reports of all cases of license, ordination, induction, deposition and death of ministers, within the bounds of the several Presbyteries during the year.

It is desirable that all Overtures, References, Petitions, and other papers to be laid before the Synod, be forwarded as early as possible, so that the business of the Synod may be properly arranged.

Kirk Sessions are reminded that if one of their own number cannot attend the meeting of Synod, they may elect one connected with another congregation.

The following is the form of Commission appointed by the Synod to be followed in such a case:—

"At \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, one thousand, &c., years, which pay the Session of \_\_\_\_\_ having met and been constituted, (inter-alia);—The Session proceeded to elect a representative to the ensuing meeting of Synod, when Mr. A. B., an Elder in the Session of C., was nominated and chosen; wherefore the Session did, and hereby do, appoint the said A. B. to be their representative, willing him to have in view, in all his actions, the best interests of the Church and the glory of God, and they authorise the Moderator or Clerk to subscribe this as his commission as their representative Elder."

(Signed) D. E., Moderator (or Clerk) as the case may be.

Wm. REID, Synod Clerk.