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PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held at London, on the first Tuesday of January, 1858, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

J. Scott, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held in Toronto, on Wednesday, 2nd day of December, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

T. WIGHTMAN, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held in Montreal, on the fourth Wednesday of January, 1858.

A. F. KERR, *Pres. Clerk, P. T.*

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

The next meeting of this Presbytery will be held on the second Tuesday of January, 1858, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

J. A. THOMSON, *Pres. Clerk.*

Office of Ecclesiastical and Missionary Record, &c.

The Offices of the *Record* and of the Schemes of the Church, have been removed to King Street, second door West of Toronto Street, over the Book Store of Mr. Bain.

THE RECORD.—All possible care is taken in addressing and mailing the *Record*. Should any irregularity occur in any quarter, in the receipt of the *Record*, intimation should be sent at once to this office, in order that the irregularity may be remedied.

All communications connected with the *Record* and the Several Schemes of the Church, to be addressed to "REV. W. REID, OFFICE OF THE MISSIONARY AND ECCLESIASTICAL RECORD," King Street, Toronto.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications intended for the *Record*, should be in the Editor's hands by the 15th of the month.

Notices of Recent Publications.

PRECURSORS OF KNOX: or, Memoirs of Patrick Hamilton, the first Prelate and Martyr of the Scottish Reformation. By the Rev. Peter Lorimer, Professor of Hebrew and Exegetical Theology, English Presbyterian College, London. Edinburgh: T. Constable & Co.; Toronto: J. C. Geikie.

The attention of the esteemed and learned author of this volume having been directed for some time to the annals of the early Scottish Reformers, he found himself in possession of various new particulars relating to Patrick Hamilton. These he considered it his duty to collect and publish in the present form. The biography thus prepared is exceedingly interesting, and fills up what was previously a historical blank. The author has done his part in a way which reflects the highest credit on his ability and research, and we have great pleasure in recommending the work to our readers.

SKETCH OF THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF THE REV. C. H. SPURGEON, from original documents. New York: Sheldon, Blakeman & Co. Sold by D. McLellan, Hamilton.

Few have enjoyed such a large share of notoriety as the Rev. Mr. Spurgeon. Of a sudden his fame as a preacher has reached not merely to every part of Britain, but we may say to every place where the English language is spoken. In these circumstances there is a general desire to know something of his pre-

vious history, habits, and labours. To satisfy the enquiries of the public, the present volume has been compiled and published. The facts recorded in this volume will, we doubt not, be interesting to many, and may also be profitable to the intelligent and reflecting reader.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS: third series. Prepared by Synod's Committee.

We have received a copy of the third series of Sabbath School lessons prepared by the Convener of the Synod's committee. It has all the excellencies of the former sets of lessons, being clear, pointed, and suggestive. We have no doubt it will be generally used in the Sabbath Schools of the Presbyterian Church.

KNOX COLLEGE MUSEUM.

From Mr. James Turner, Floa, C.W.—Indian pipe.

From Mr. McCuaig, student—specimen of iron pyrites, (from vicinity of Owen Sound); Indian pipe.

From Mr. Graham, student—specimen of copper ore from Monro, Wisconsin.

From Mr. Eadie, student—ambrotypes of a Cayuga Chief and his wife—the former in native costume.

From Mr. Campbell, student—Geological specimens from Euphrasia.

From Mr. Matheson, student—six foreign coins.

From Mr. McDonald, student—Geological specimen from Nottawasaga.

From Mr. Fletcher, student—Mineralogical specimen from California.

From T. F.,—fragment of "Auld Alloway Kirk"; heather from the moss at which John Brown of Priesthill was working on the morning of his martyrdom; piece of a thorn-tree from the grave of Alexander Peden; water-color drawing of Kelso Abbey.

THE BERLIN CONFERENCE.

The Evangelical Conference, for which, under the sanction of the King of Prussia, preparations have been for some time making, commenced at Berlin on the 9th of September. It was formally opened by prayers in German, French, and English—the Hon. and Rev. Baptist Noel officiating in English. About nine hundred members were present—some thirty or forty of the ministers from the United States. The representatives of the various Churches participating arrived early in the week, and these, with a large detachment of American and English tourists, filled the hotels to repletion. The conference held its sessions in the Garrison Church, fitted up for the purpose with a spacious platform at one end, and a rostrum for the speakers. The members and visitors assembled at ten o'clock, under the presidency of Dr.