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**RESIGNATION.**

BY MRS. E. C. JUDSON.

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,  
Saviour, to thy cross I cling;  
Thou hast every blow directed,  
Thou alone canst healing bring.  
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Try me till no dross remaineth;  
And whate'er the trial be,  
While thy gentle arm sustameth,  
Closer will I cling to thee.  
Cheerfully the stern rod kissing,  
I will hush each murmuring cry;  
Every doubt and fear dismissing,  
Passive in thine arms will lie.  
And when through deep seas of sorrow,  
I have gained the heavenly shore,  
Bliss from every wave I'll borrow,  
And for each will love thee more.  
Providence, 1852.

**PRESBYTERY OF LONDON**

The next ordinary meeting of the Presbytery of London, will take place in St. Andrew's Church, London, on the second Wednesday of May, at ten o'clock, A. M.

JOHN SCOTT, Pres. Clerk.

**MEETING OF SYNOD—NOTICE TO  
PRESBYTERY CLERKS.**

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada will meet (D. V.) at Kingston, on Wednesday, 9th June, and will be opened with sermon by the Moderator, in Chalmers Church, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Presbytery Clerks are earnestly requested to transmit, in due time, properly attested copies of their Presbytery rolls, containing not only the names of Ministers, but also the names of Elders entitled to sit in Synod, as the representatives of Kirk Sessions. If Presbytery Clerks do not expect to be present at the opening of the Synod, they will please to transmit copies of their Presbytery rolls to either of the Synod Clerks.

REV. W. REID, at Picton,  
JOHN BURNS, Esq. at Toronto.

Presbyteries are reminded that they will be expected to report on the subjects sent down to Presbyteries by last Synod, viz.: The Declaratory Act, with reference to certain chapters of the Confession of Faith, and the 8th clause of the proposed Act of Incorporation of Knox's College.

The business of the Synod would be greatly expedited by the early transmission to the Committee of Bills and Overtures, and of all papers intended to be laid before the Synod, as it sometimes happens that important papers are not brought forward until a late period of the Synod's session.

Sessions may be represented in the Synod by elders of other congregations. The following is the Act of Synod authorizing it:—

"That it shall be lawful for any Session legally convened, and after due notice given, to elect and

appoint as their representative to the Synod, any Elder in good and regular standing in any other Session of this Church, and that the following form of commission shall be followed in such a case:—

"At \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, one thousand, &c. years, which day the Session of \_\_\_\_\_ having met and being 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 actings, 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."

Any Session choosing an elder, out of another congregation should transmit a minute of the election of such elder to the Presbytery Clerk, that his name may be entered in the authenticated roll of the Presbytery.

WM. REID, }  
JOHN BURNS, } *Synod Clerks.*

April 12, 1852.

**THE ACCOUNTS OF THE CHURCH:**

By the direction of Synod the accounts are to be closed on the 31st inst. All contributions to Knox's College and Bursary Funds, to the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, Synod Fund, Jewish and Foreign Missions of the Free Church of Scotland, and the French Canadian Missionary Society, for the year ending the 31st May, should be transmitted before that date, in order to their appearing in the public accounts for the current year.

It is to be hoped that congregations who have not yet made their contributions to the various funds, will do so during the month of May, that the published statement, to be submitted to the Synod, may be as complete as possible.

JOHN BURNS,  
*General Agent for the Pres. Ch. of Canada.*  
KNOX'S COLLEGE,  
21st April, 1852. }

**MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.**

A meeting of the Committee of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund Scheme, will be held in the Session Room, Knox's Church, Hamilton, on Wednesday, the 5th May, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Business of the greatest importance will come before the meeting, and a full attendance of members is earnestly requested.

G. ELMSLIE, Secretary.  
Committee—Mr. Gale, Mr. Young, Mr. Smeilie, Mr. Cheyne, Mr. McLean, Dr. Burns, ministers; Messrs. Fisher, Osborne, Elmslie, Walker, McLellan, Davidson, Blain, Farrier, McMurrah, Shaw, Burns, Brodie, Durie, Redpath, Morgan, Gibb, P. S. Stevenson, Murray, and Wm. J. McDonald.

**THE IRISH BOY AND THE PRIEST.**

A pretty Irish boy; in humble life,  
Whose father took a Protestant to wife,  
To mother's church an inclination had,  
But father unto mass would force the lad.  
Yet still the boy to church on Sunday stole,  
And evidenc'd a wish to save his soul.  
The Rector eyed the youth, his zeal approved,  
And gave a Bible, which he dearly loved.  
This made the enraged father storm and curse,  
Lock up the book and use his son the worse;  
Yet still the boy to church on Sunday stole,  
And evidenc'd a wish to save his soul.  
At length, one Sunday morn, it came to pass,  
The father dragged the struggling boy to mass;  
The zealous Papiat helped to force him in,  
And begged the priest to pardon all his sin.  
"No, by the mass!" he said; "I cannot bless,  
Nor pardon, till the culprit first confess."  
"Well," quoth the boy, "supposing I were willing,  
What is your charge?" "I'll charge you but a shilling."  
"Do all men pay, and all men make confession?"  
"Yes, every one of Catholic profession."  
"And whom do you confess to?" "Why, the Dean."  
And does he charge you?" "Yes, a white thirtreen."  
And do the Deans confess?" "Yes, boy, they do,  
Confess to Bishops, and pay smartly too."  
Do Bishops, then, confess, pay, and to whom?"  
"Why, they confess and pay the Pope of Rome."  
"Well," quoth the boy, "all this is mighty odd;  
But does the Pope confess?" "Oh, yes; to God."  
"And does God charge the Pope?" "No," said the priest;  
"He charges nothing." "Oh, then, God's the best;  
He's able to forgive, and always willing;  
To him I will confess and save my shilling."