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THE BIBLE.

Lamp of our feet, whereby we trace
Our path when wont to stray;
Stream from the fount of heavenly grace;
Brook by the traveller's way.

Bread of our souls, whercon we feed;
True manna from on high;
Our guide and chart, whercon we read
Of realms beyond the sky.

Pillar of fire through ages dark,
Or radiant cloud by day,
When waves would whelm our tossing bark,
Our anchor and our stay.

Pole star of life's tempestuous deep;
Beacon, when doubts surround;
Compass, by which our course we keep;
Our dee, sea lead, to sound.

Riches in poverty, our aid
In every needful hour,
Unshaken rock, the pilgrim's shade,
The soldier's fortress tower.

Our shield and buckler in the fight,
Victory's triumphant palm,
Comfort for grief, in weakness might,
In sickness Gilead's balm.

Childhood's preceptor, manhood's trust,
Old age's firm ally;
Our hope, when we go down to dust,
Of immortality.

Pure oracles of truth divine,
Unlike each fabled dream
Given forth from Delphi's mystic shrine,
Or groves of Academe.

Word of the ever living God,
Will of his glorious Son;
Without thee, how could earth be trod,
Or heaven itself be won?
—*Pres. of the West.*

Synodical Collections for the Current Year.

1. For French Canadian Missionary Society, 3rd Sabbath in July.
2. Buxton Mission and Synod Fund, 3rd Sabbath in October.
3. Foreign Missions of the Free Church, 3rd Sabbath in January.
4. Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, 3rd Sabbath in April.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The Presbytery of Toronto will meet in Knox's College, on Wednesday, the 13th October, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

THOMAS WIGHTMAN, *Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

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

JOHN SCOTT, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery is appointed to be held within the Church of St. Louis de Gonzague, on the first Wednesday of November, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

D. FRASER, *Pres. Clerk.*

KNOX'S COLLEGE.

The Session 1852, '53, will be opened on Thursday, the 14th October. It is requested that students come forward at the beginning of the term.

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Synod's Home Mission Committee will meet in Knox's College, on Wednesday, the 13th October, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

Members of Committee—The Moderator, Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Mr. Young, Mr. Gale, Mr. Cheyne, Mr. Ure, Mr. Lowry, Mr. Boyd, Mr. McLeod, Mr. J. W. Smith, Mr. Gregg, Mr. R. F. Burns, Mr. Boyd, Mr. P. Gray, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Henry, Mr. D. Fraser, Mr. D. McKenzie, Mr. Scott, ministers; and Messrs. Davidson, Fisher, McMurich, Shaw, Morgan, Dr. Dickson, John Morrison, Breakenridge, Dr. MacLagan, Redpath, McLellan, Burns, elders.

COMMISSION OF SYNOD.

By appointment of Synod, the Committee will meet in Knox's College, Toronto, on the 3rd Wednesday of October, (20th) at 12 o'clock noon.

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE.—The Moderator and Clerks of Synod; Mr. McKenzie, Mr. McPherson, Mr. Scott, Mr. Bayne, Mr. Stark, Mr. Young, Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Mr. Gale, Mr. Ure, Mr. R. Reid, Mr. Burns, Mr. Smart, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Geggie, Mr. P. Gray, Mr. Duncan, Mr. D. Fraser, Mr. Henry Swinton and Mr. Melville, Ministers; and Mr. John Fraser, Mr. A. Smith, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Davidson, Mr. McLellan, Mr. McMurich, Mr. Clark, Mr. Paterson, Mr. J. Carruthers, Mr. George Robertson, Dr. Dickson, Honourable John McDonald, Mr. Breakenridge, Mr. John Miller, Mr. John Morrison, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. John McDonald, Mr. Hettuck, Mr. Redpath, Dr. MacLagan, Mr. Webster, Mr. Mair, Mr. Gibb and Mr. A. D. Ferrier, Elders.

REVIVAL OF RELIGION—DAY OF HUMILIATION.

—At the late meeting of Synod, on the consideration of an Overture from the Presbytery of Cobourg, on the revival of religion, it was unanimously agreed—

That the Synod approve of the Overture, and resolve, according to its tenor, to instruct Presbyteries to adopt such prompt and efficient measures as they may deem most expedient for the purpose of arresting prevailing sin, and promoting the revival of pure and undefiled religion within their bounds. And the Synod appoint the first Wednesday of October to be observed by this Church as a day of humiliation, confession of sin, and prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the revival of the life and power of godliness within our borders, and that Presbyteries be enjoined to report their diligence to the next meeting of Synod. Further, the Synod appoint Mr. Bayne and Mr. Young a Committee to prepare a pastoral letter, to be published in the *Record*, and read by all the ministers and missionaries of the Church to their several congregations.

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

The Presbytery of Cobourg met on the 7th Sept.—*inter alia*.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr. Gale, the Convener of the Home Mission Committee, introducing the Rev. Robert Boag, lately arrived from Ireland, also the minute of his appointment to Canada, from Rev. W. McClure, Londonderry.

The paper was considered satisfactory, and he was received, and appointed to labour at Cartwright until the meeting of the Mission Committee.

The Presbytery appointed the next meeting to be held at Peterboro', on the last Wednesday of January.

J. W. SMITH, *Pres. Clerk.*