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ANENT REGULATING THE PUBLIC COLLECTIONS IN THE SEVERAL CONGREGATIONS.

Toronto, 9th July, 1850.

Whereas great inconvenience has resulted from the irregular manner in which many Congregations have contributed to the several Funds for carrying on the Missionary and other operations of the Church; and whereas it is desirable that a more uniform and regular mode of raising the said Funds should be observed throughout the Church,—the Synod enact, that all Ministers of this Church shall annually have collections made in their several Congregations on behalf of each of the following objects at the time specified, viz:—1. For the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, on the First Sabbath of January.—2. For the French Mission, on the First Sabbath of March.—3. For the Synod Fund, on the First Sabbath in June.—4. For the College Fund, on the First Sabbath in September.—5. For the Home Mission Fund, of the Presbytery of the Bounds, on the First Sabbath of November. Provided always that when the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper happens to fall on any of the said Sabbaths, or any of the said Sabbaths is otherwise deemed unsuitable or inconvenient for making the collection, then the collection shall be made within at least four weeks thereafter; and provided also that in case of any Congregation preferring to raise the contributions required of them in any other way, as by subscriptions and donations, or to furnish them out of any fund under their control, they shall be at liberty to do so. The Synod also enjoin Ministers to explain and advocate the object for which the collection is to be made, upon a previous Sabbath. And the Synod, also enjoin Presbyteries, at their meetings next after the times specified, to enquire and take account of how Ministers have attended to the injunctions of the Synod in giving their Congregations an opportunity to contribute, and to deal with those who have disobeyed unless a sufficient reason be given.