

L. News 5/11

# THE ECCLESIASTICAL AND MISSIONARY RECORD,

For the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

"Wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation."

VOL. XI.

TORONTO, FEBRUARY, 1855.

No. 4.

CONTENTS.	Page
Poetry .....	49
Presbytery of London .....	49
Presbytery of Hamilton .....	50
Presbytery of Cobourg .....	50
Presbytery of Perth .....	51
Report of Knox's Church S. School, Toronto	51
Pastoral Address of General Assembly of Presbyterian Church in Ireland .....	52
Henriana .....	53
Sabbath Observance .....	53
The Importance of Individual Effort .....	54
The Effect of a Prohibitory Liquor Law .....	54
Patriotic Fund .....	55
Annual Report of Common Schools .....	55
Fund for defraying Expenses of Preachers .....	55
Notices of Recent Publications .....	56
Items of Religious and General Intelligence .....	56
Missionary Intelligence—India .....	57
"    "    Caffraria .....	57
"    "    Jewish Missions .....	57
Latest Missionary Intelligence .....	58
Religion on the Continent—France .....	58
"    "    Bohemia .....	58
"    "    Italy .....	59
The Immaculate Conception .....	59
The Support of the Ministry .....	60
Plain but Sound Reasons, why Protestants differ from Popery .....	60
Meditation on the Sabbath .....	61
Selections for the Young .....	62
Philip O'Flaherty, the Irish Convert .....	63

POETRY.

"My son, give me thine heart."—Prov. 23. 26.

Here is my heart!—my God I give it thee;  
I heard thee call and say,  
"Not to the world, my child, but unto me,"—  
I heard and will obey.  
Here is love's offering to my King,  
Which, a glad sacrifice, I bring.—  
Here is my heart.

Here is my heart!—surely the gift though poor,  
My God will not despise;  
Vainly and long I sought to make it pure,  
To meet thy searching eyes;  
Corrupted first in Adam's fall,  
Thou stains of sin pollute it all,—  
My guilty heart!

Here is my heart!—my heart so hard before,  
Now by thy grace made meet;  
Yet bruised and wearied, it can only pour,  
Its anguish at thy feet;  
It groans beneath the weight of sin;  
It sighs salvation's joy to win.—  
My mourning heart!

Here is my heart!—in Christ its longings end,  
Near to his Cross it draws;  
It says, "Thou art my portion, O my Friend,  
Thy blood my ransom was"  
And in the Saviour it has found  
What blessedness and peace abound.—  
My trusting heart!

Here is my heart!—ah! Holy Spirit, come,  
Its nature to renew,  
And consecrate it wholly as thy home,  
A temple fair and true.  
Teach it to love and serve thee more,  
To fear thee, trust thee, and adore,—  
My cleansed heart!

Here is my heart!—it trembles to draw near  
The glory of thy throne;  
Give it the shining robe thy servants wear,  
Of righteousness thine own;  
Its pride and folly chase away,  
And all its vanity, I pray,—  
My humbled heart!

Here is my heart!—teach it, O Lord, to cling  
In gladness unto thee;  
And in the day of sorrow still to sing,  
"Welcome my God's decree"  
Believing, all its journey through,  
That thou art wise, and just, and true,—  
My waiting heart!

Here is my heart!—O Friend of friends be near  
To make each tempter fly,  
And when my latest foe I wait with fear,  
Give me the victory!  
Gladly on thy love reposing,  
Let me say, when life is closing,  
Here is my heart!  
—Ehrenfried Liedick.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The next ordinary meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto will be held in the usual place, on the first Wednesday of March, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Session Records of the various congregations will then be called for, in order that they may be examined by the Presbytery.

T. WIGHTMAN, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF PERTH.

An adjourned meeting of this Presbytery will be held in the city of Ottawa, on the second Tuesday of March, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

S. C. FRASER, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held at Prescott, on the first Tuesday of February, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

JOHN MCMURRAY, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON—MISSIONARY MEETINGS.

Kingston (Chalmer's Ch)	Monday,	5 Feb.
Gananoque,	Tuesday,	6 "
Kingsville (Brock street)	Wednesday,	7 "
Melrose,	Tuesday,	13 "
Robln,	Wednesday,	14 "
Madoc,	Thursday,	15 "
Storrington,	Tuesday,	19 "
Ballinahinch,	Wednesday,	14 "

WILLIAM GRIZZO, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The Presbytery of London held its ordinary meeting at London, on the 10th and 11th of January. The following is a statement of the business transacted by the court.—

A petition was laid on the table from the congregation of Ingersoll, praying that the division between Ingersoll and Beachville, requested at last ordinary meeting, might not take place for the present, which petition the Presbytery agreed to grant.

Petitions were presented from the Williams and Lobo sections of the Rev. Lachlan McPherson's charge, each praying that the connexion between the two sections be dissolved, and each requesting the entire services of their pastor. The Presbytery agreed that at the end of the present congregational year each branch of the congregation should become a separate charge, and that Mr. McPherson should make his choice between the two.

The Convener of the Presbytery's Mission Committee reported the arrival of the Rev. David Walker from the Free Church of Scotland, to become a labourer in Canada. Mr. Walker's Commission from the Colonial Committee, and also an extract from the Records of the Presbytery of Orkney, of which Mr. Walker was formerly a member, was read, on which the Presbytery agreed to welcome Mr. Walker, and to express their gratification at the arrival of another labourer among them.

In connexion with the reception of Mr. Walker, the Presbytery was led to understand that the expenses of his outfit and voyage had not been paid by the Colonial Committee, and also, that the money collected in Canada and put into the hands of the Colonial Committee for the purpose of bringing preachers to this country, was employed under certain restrictions, in consequence of which Mr. Walker had been deprived of any advantage from it. The Presbytery agreed to express their disapproval of such restrictions, and to have it clearly understood that the money sent from them was intended to be available to all such preachers or ministers as the Colonial Committee could truly recommend as efficient labourers, from whatever quarter they might be obtained. The Presbytery instructed the Clerk to write to the Convener of the Colonial Committee respecting this matter, and also directed the Treasurer of the Presbytery Mission Fund to refund to Mr. Walker the expenses of his outfit and voyage.

A unanimous call was laid on the table from the congregation of Sarnia, in favour of the Rev. David Walker, which the Presbytery agreed to sustain. The call having been presented to Mr. Walker, and he having signified his acceptance of the same, the Committee appointed his induction to take place on Wednesday, the 14th of February, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Mr. McPherson, of Williams, to preach and preside, and Mr. Porterfield to address the minister and people.

The Clerk having reported that the Rev. W. Doak had accepted of the call moderated in, in