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## COLLECTION FOR THE SYNOD FUND.

By the appointment of the Synod, the third stated Collection in the Synodical year is to be made on Sabbath, the 30th day of April. This collection should be made in all congregations and at all mission stations of the Church; and as the fund is considerably in arrears to the Treasurer, principally for printing the Minutes and a Pamphlet published under the direction of the Synod, for which very few returns have been made; we trust that the collections will be at once general and liberal. It is hoped, that not one station or congregation will withhold its collection, as to do this, is so far to shrink from a just debt, and to cast the payment of it on others.

It is requested that any sums received for the Minutes and Mr. Bayne's Pamphlet, and not paid, may be transmitted to the undersigned.

JOHN LAIDLAW,  
Treasurer to the Synod Fund.

20, King Street, Toronto,  
13th March, 1848.

## MEETING OF THE GENERAL COLLEGE COMMITTEE.

The third stated Meeting of this Committee will be held (God willing) in the College, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 18th and 19th instant.—The Meeting on the Tuesday will be for Examinations, and that on Wednesday for business, to commence at twelve o'clock noon.

It is expected that as the Examinations in the Classes will commence on Tuesday, the 18th of April, opportunity will be afforded for a general review at the Meeting on the 18th, when prizes will be distributed.

It is hoped that members of the General Committee, both Ministers and Elders, will endeavour to be present. The names of the Members of this Committee will be found at page 28 of the Printed Minutes of last Synod. But no office-bearer or member of the Church who may be in circumstances to visit the College on this occasion, should

absent himself merely because he is not a member of the Committee.

WILLIAM RINTOUL,  
Convener of College Committee.  
Cobourg, 15th March, 1848.

## MEETING OF THE HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Home Mission Committee of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada will meet in the Library of Knox's College, Toronto, on Wednesday, the 19th day of April, at seven o'clock, P. M., to receive applications from Presbyteries for supply of Missionary labour, and to distribute the Missionaries and Students, at the disposal of the Committee, among the various Presbyteries of the Church. Communications to be forwarded to the Rev. Ralph Robb, Hamilton, or the Rev. M. Y. Stark, Dundas, previous to the 15th day of April. A full attendance of members is requested.

## PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The Presbytery of Hamilton will meet in Knox's Church there, on the second Wednesday of May, at 11 o'clock A. M.

M. Y. STARK,  
Presbytery Clerk.

## COLLECTIONS FOR KNOX'S COLLEGE.

Our columns were just closed for last month, when we received a communication from Mr. Robb, of Hamilton, stating the progress of the collections for the College, within the district of the Presbytery which he himself and Dr. Ferrier had visited. We handed the communication to the editor of the *Banner*, who very kindly inserted it in his paper of the 3rd March.

As the visitors in the Hamilton Presbytery have been appointed to report progress in the *Record*, we now insert the portion of Mr. Robb's communication that appeared in the *Banner*.

Our readers will read with not less satisfaction the report from Mr. McKenzie, of Zorra.

EXTRACT FROM LETTER OF MR. ROBB.

The congregation of Knox's Church, Hamilton, having completed their subscription before we entered upon our labours, we found it unnecessary to hold any meeting here on the subject. In the various places visited, after preaching a sermon, we addressed the congregation present on the subject of the College, pointed out its vital importance to the stability and progress of our Church in this country, shewing that our only hope of overtaking the wide extent of spiritual destitution was by educating a native ministry. We mentioned what great things God had done for our College since it was established, in providing for us so many able professors; in the increasing number, and especially in the character and devotedness of the youth under training for the work of the holy ministry; and the obligations under which every one connected with our Church was laid, to give of his substance according to his ability, for the support of such an institution. The elders or deacons received the subscriptions of those present, and agreed to visit and receive the subscription of those

of the congregation absent; the money to be paid before the 15th March, and the whole returns to be reported in the *Record* for April. In this way we have visited the congregations of Mr. McLean, at Wellington Square and Waterdown; Dundas—three congregations under the pastoral charge of Dr. Ferrier, Caledonia; the Scotch Settlement of Oneida, and the Allan Settlement of Ancaster, the mission stations of Walpole, Port Dover, Jarvis and Dunnville. Mr. McCall, at our request, brought the subject before the congregation at Niagara, and to-morrow I expect to be at Inburook and Saltfleet. Everywhere we have had great encouragement, the people came forward willingly, and gave liberal subscriptions, and should the same interest be awakened in other portions of the Church, there will be no reason to fear that the College will be left languish for want of funds. I expect, in the course of three or four weeks, to send you a statement of the sums that have been collected in the different congregations.

RALPH ROBB.

Hamilton, Feb. 23, 1848.

Mr. McKenzie's letter is as follows:—

ZORRA, 8th March, 1848.

DEAR SIR.—It was not till the 2nd of March, that I returned from my tour to the west, in behalf of the College, so that I could not send you any report for the March number of the *Missionary Record*.

I have the satisfaction now to inform you that in all the places I visited, the people heartily responded to the call made on them in support of our College. It is delightful to witness the interest they manifested in the prosperity of this important institution, and the willingness with which they generally contribute, according to their ability. Before leaving home, I nominated eighteen collectors in the congregation of Zorra, who were to apply for and to receive contributions in the several districts into which the congregation was divided. In London, I found the collectors successfully at work, and a liberal amount may be expected from the friends there. Eckford, Mosa and Zorra, were the next places visited by Mr. McKinnon and myself; the same plan was adopted of appointing collectors. Chatham was the next place we visited, where we had an opportunity of submitting our cause to our Presbyterian brethren there and in the surrounding townships. On Monday, the 25th of February, I met with the congregation of Williams, and there also collectors were appointed for the College. Mr. McKinnon, of St. Thomas, takes charge of the several congregations on Talbot Street, viz. St. Thomas, Fungal, Dunwich, Aldboro', and Howard. St. Andrew's is the only place in the West where an appeal has been made to our people as yet, for aid to Knox's College, but on my return home last week, I intimated to the Trustees and congregation there, my intention of meeting with them on the 21st current, for the purpose of receiving their aid to our Theological Institute.

Before the end of March, I hope all the above named congregations and stations will send their contributions to the Treasurer.

From what I have seen during my tour, my conviction is deep, that the people will cheerfully, according to their means, support *their own* Knox's College, but it must be brought before them and explained, and the way of going to work pointed out.

I am, Rev. and Dear Sir,  
Yours very faithfully,  
DOUGLAS MCKENZIE.