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## HARVEST HYMN.

God of the rolling year, to Thee  
Our song shall rise, whose bounty pours,  
In many a goodly gift, with free  
And liberal hand, our autumn stores;  
No firstlings of our flocks we slay,  
No soaring cloud of incense rise,  
But on thy hallowed shrine we lay  
Our grateful hearts in sacrifice.

Borne on thy breath, the lap of spring  
Was heaped with many a blooming flower;  
And smiling summer joyed to bring  
The sunshine and the gentle shower;  
And autumn's rich luxuriance now,  
The ripening seed, the bursting shell,  
The golden sheaf and laden bough,  
Thou fulness of thy bounty tell.

No monial throng, in Princely dome,  
Hero waits a titled Lord's behest,  
But many a fair and peaceful home  
Hath won thy peaceful dove a guest;  
No groves of palm our fields adorn,  
No myrtle shades or orange bowers,  
But rustling meads of golden corn,  
And fields of waving grain are ours.

Safe in thy care, the landscape o'er,  
Our flocks and herds securely stray,  
No tyrant master claims our store,  
No ruthless robber rends away;  
No fierce volcano's withering shower,  
No fell simoon, with poisonous breath,  
Nor burning sun, with baleful power,  
Awake the fiery plagues of death.

And hero shall rise our song to Thee,  
Where lengthened vales and pastures lie,  
And streams go singing wild and free,  
Beneath a blue and smiling sky:  
Where ne'er was reared a mortal Throne,  
Where crowned oppressor never trod,  
Hero at the throne of heaven alone,  
Shall man in reverence bow to God.  
—Exchange Paper.

## SYNODICAL COLLECTIONS FOR THE YEAR.

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

## PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The next meeting of this Presbytery is to be held in Knox's Church, Toronto, on the first Wednesday of December, at 11 o'clock, A. M., for general business; and at 6 o'clock, P. M., for Presbyterial Visitation of Knox's congregation.

THOS. WIGHTMAN, Pres. Clerk.

## PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

This Presbytery will hold its next ordinary meeting in South Cavan Church, on the first Tuesday of December, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

J. BOWIE, Pres. Clerk.

## PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE AND OTTAWA.

The next meeting of this Presbytery will be held in Brockville, on the first Tuesday in December, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

S. C. FRASER, Pres. Clerk.

## PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held in the usual place, on Tuesday the 8th January, 1856.

M. Y. STARK, Pres. Clerk.

## PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will take place at London, on the second Tuesday (8th) of January, 1856.

JOHN SCOTT, Pres. Clerk.

## KNOX'S COLLEGE LIBRARY.

Ministers and Students having in their possession Books belonging to the Library of Knox's College, are most earnestly requested to return them without delay. In order to enable the Librarian to re-arrange the library in the new building, it is absolutely necessary to have all the books returned.

## PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

"The Presbytery of Hamilton met at East Puslinch, on the 14th inst., for the ordination of the Rev. Alexander McLean, to the pastoral care of that congregation. The attendance upon the occasion was very large, so that the handsome new church was crowded. The Rev. D Inglis, of Hamilton, preached an appropriate discourse. The Rev. Alexander McLean, of Cumminsville and Nairn, conducted the ordination services.—Mr. McLean having satisfactorily answered the usual questions, was, by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, solemnly set apart as pastor of the Congregation at East Puslinch—the Rev. A. McAuley delivered an impressive charge to the minister—the Rev. Samuel Young shortly addressed the people, and then introduced the Rev. Mr. McLeod, of Cape Breton, who by a happy providence was present, and who addressed the congregation in Gaelic. At the conclusion of the services, the New Pastor received a hearty welcome from his people present, and there seems every prospect that a better day is drawing upon the Congregation at East Puslinch, so long without the services of a stated minister. It is hoped that West Puslinch may be as well provided for before long.

The Presbytery then took up the consideration of a call from Wellington Square and Waterdown, in favour of the Rev. Mr. McIndoe, which was sustained, and Mr. McIndoe's willingness to close with this call having been intimated to them, the Presbytery appointed the necessary steps to be taken towards its prosecution: appointed the trials of Mr. McIndoe to be heard at Waterdown, by the Presbytery, on the 20th inst., and his ordination to be proceeded with according to the laws of the Church, on the day following.

The Presbytery again met, as by appointment, at Waterdown, on the 20th inst., heard Mr. McIndoe's trial discourses which were sustained and adjourned till the following day. On the 21st. the edict was returned as regularly served, no objections were offered, and after an impressive discourse by the Rev. Robert F. Burns, Mr. McIndoe, having answered the usual questions, was set apart by prayer, and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, to the pastoral care of the United Congregation at Wellington Square and Waterdown. The Rev. R. Irvine, of Hamilton, addressed the minister, and the Rev. M. Y. Stark, of Dundas, the people; afterwards, Mr. McIndoe received a hearty welcome from the congregation. The weather was unfavourable, and the state of the roads very bad, which prevented a more numerous attendance, though the congregation was respectable.

At Waterdown, a very commodious and comfortable Stone Church has been built, much to the credit of the Congregation. There is a neat Frame Church at Wellington Square, and it is proposed as soon as possible, to build a Manse at one or other of the Stations.

M. Y. STARK, Pres. Clerk.