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PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

The Presbytery of Montreal will meet, together with the Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church, and the Assessors appointed by both Synods on the fourth Wednesday of the current month, as a Committee of arrangement for the ensuing meeting of Synod, and to consider other matters pertaining to the union of the two Churches.

A. F. KEMP, *Pres. Clerk*

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

This Presbytery will meet in Toronto, on Tuesday 15th January, 1861, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

W. GREGG, *Pres. Clerk*

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

This Presbytery will meet at Hamilton, on Tuesday, 15th January next, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

J. MIDDLEMISS, *Pres. Clerk*

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

This Presbytery will meet according to adjournment, at London, on the Third Tuesday of January, (15th) at two o'clock, P. M.

W. DOAK, *Pres. Clerk*

PRESBYTERY OF BROCEVILLE.

This Presbytery will hold its next ordinary meeting at Merickville, on the first Tuesday of February, at half-past 7 p. m.

J. K. SMITH, *Pres. Clk.*

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

This Presbytery will meet at Belleville, on third Tuesday of January, at 10 o'clock a. m.
A. MACALISTER, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

This Presbytery will hold its next ordinary meeting at Perth, on first Tuesday of February, at 7 o'clock p. m.

S. G. FRASER, *Pres. Clerk*,

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

This Presbytery will hold its next ordinary meeting at Cobourg, on the second Tuesday of February, at 11 o'clock a. m.

J. BOWIE, *Pres. Clerk*.

IN THE PRESS :

And will shortly be Published.

Digest of the Minutes of Synod,

FROM 1844 TO 1860.

TO which will be added a Historical preface and an Appendix of the most useful Ecclesiastical Forms and Processes, by the Rev. Alex. F. Kemp, Montreal.

The following have agreed to act as Agents, and to receive Subscribers' names; D. McLellan, Bookseller, Hamilton; W. Clark, London, the Rev. W. Reid, Toronto, and the various Presbytery Clerks will also kindly facilitate the circulation of this Book.

NOTICE TO AGENTS FOR RECORD.

We can still supply copies of the November Number to such new subscribers as may wish to begin with the beginning of the volume.

Agents are earnestly requested to make up and send in lists for the current year. Subscribers are expected to pay all arrears, and to send half a dollar in advance for vol. 17th.

Notices of Recent Publications.

THE PASTOR OF KILSTON; or Memorials of the Life and Times of the Rev. Dr. Burns, D. D. By the Rev. Islay Burns, St. Peter's Free Church, Dundee. London: T. Nelson & Sons; Toronto: J. Campbell.

We have read with lively interest this memoir of a most worthy and revered pastor.

It is sketched not only with filial tenderness, but with rare skill and tact. There are comparatively few great events in the life of a country minister, which the Biographer can weave into his narrative, and the life of the subject of this memoir was almost entirely spent in the quiet and unobtrusive discharge of pastoral duty. But the author of the memoir has succeeded in producing really a most interesting and fascinating volume. The faithful portraiture of the worthy pastor and revered father, the glimpses into domestic life in a country manse which are presented, and the sketches which are given of leading ministers, both of the present and of the past generation combine to give a peculiar charm to the memoir. Dr. Burns himself, was almost the sole surviving representative of a race of ministers who have now passed away. And it was peculiarly desirable that there should be some permanent memorial of his life and times. The principal event in his ministry was the revival which took place in Kilsyth, in the year 1859, and which extended to several other localities, nearer or more remote. In this revival Dr. Burns took the deepest interest, and his remarkable caution and judiciousness gave great weight to any opinion which he expressed on the subject. The memoir which consists of twelve chapters, is followed by "Illustrative Remains," which consist of a Lecture on the mode of conducting a revival, and four sermons, one of those being by the Rev. W. C. Burns.

We gave, shortly after his death, a sketch of the life and labours of the subject of this memoir, from the pen of his brother, Dr. Burns, of Knox College.

We recommend the volume as one which cannot be read without real interest and instruction.

CLAIRBORNE—By Rev. G. B. Taylor, of Virginia. New York: Sheldon & Co. Sold by Rollo and Adam, Toronto.

This is one of a series of juvenile volumes, entitled "The Oakland Stories." The story is pleasantly interspersed with useful instruction, making it not only pleasant but profitable reading.

CATALOGUE OF BOOKS—Published by Henry Hoyt, of Boston.