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## FOREIGN MISSIONS—CONCERT OF PRAYER.

At a meeting of the Committee on Foreign Missions, held at the close of the late Synod, it was resolved, after devotional exercises that, in view of the great importance and responsibility of this movement, special and united prayer should be offered up to God, throughout the year, for the guidance of his spirit, and for wisdom to discern and act upon the providential indications of his will. The members of the Committee accordingly agreed together, to set apart some definite time, on every *Saturday evening*, for private prayer on this subject. It was deeply impressed upon them, that there must be a very distinct acknowledgment of God, and humble waiting upon him, if the Church is to be directed aright in reference to the scene of the proposed mission, and the labourers to be employed.

The present intimation is made, in the hope that many ministers, elders, and members of the Church, may join in this concert of prayer. Attention is invited to the following passages—*Prov.*, iii., 5. 6. *Isaiah*, xlv., ii. *Matthew*, ix., 36—38.

D. FRASER, *Convener*.

## 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.

The attention of Ministers, &c, is called to a notice which will be found in another column, regarding the Collection in aid of the French Canadian Missionary Society.

## PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The next ordinary meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto will be held in the usual place, on Tuesday, 31st July, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

T. WRIGHTMAN, *Pres. Clerk*.

## PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

The ordinary quarterly meeting is appointed to be held at Laguerre, C. E., on Wednesday, 8th August, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to receive the ordination trials of Mr. John Crombie, Probationer, and for other business.

D. FRASER, *Pres. Clerk*.

## PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will take place at London, on the second Wednesday of August, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

J. SCOTT, *Pres. Clerk*.

## PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE AND OTTAWA.

This Presbytery will, by appointment of Synod, meet at Ottawa, on the last Tuesday of July, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

## PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

The Presbytery of Cobourg met in St. Andrew's Church, Cobourg, on the first day of May. The examination of Financial and Sabbath School Reports, occupied the attention of the Presbytery for a considerable time. Several reports are still wanting, and the clerk was instructed to write the defaulters immediately.

The clerk overtured the Presbytery to make application to the Synod for some change in the method of disposing of the Home Mission Fund of each Presbytery, so that arrangements might be made, either by the respective Presbyteries, or by the Church, for assisting weak congregations.

Mr. Bowie and Mr. Thompson, read several of their pieces of trial, previous to ordination, all of which were sustained.

The Presbytery agreed to meet at Norwood, for the ordination of Mr. Bowie, on the 15th

May, should the remainder of his exercises prove satisfactory.

The Presbytery met at Norwood—heard the remainder of Mr. Bowie's discourses—examined him in Hebrew and Church History, and upon a conjunct view of the whole, agreed to proceed with his ordination. Mr. Blain preached an appropriate sermon—Mr. Bowie's answers to the questions usually put to ministers at their ordination, were satisfactory.

Whereupon by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, Mr. Bowie was solemnly ordained to the office of the holy ministry. Thereafter, Mr. McLeod addressed the young pastor, and Mr. Roger the people. The congregation gave the minister a hearty welcome in the usual manner; the brethren of the Presbytery gave him the right hand of fellowship; his name was added to the Roll, and he took his seat as a member of the Presbytery of Cobourg.

Mr. Bowie has been only about three months in the province, and has laboured all that time at Norwood and the adjoining stations. His settlement has been most harmonious, and we hope and pray he may be long spared, enabled boldly to set forth the truth, and made the means of winning many souls to the Redeemer in the portion of the vineyard, when he has been sowed.

J. W. SMITH, *Pres. Clerk*.

## PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

The Presbytery of Kingston, held a special meeting in Kingston, on the 2nd April, when a unanimous call from Pictou congregation, to Mr. Thomas Chambers, was sustained.

The ordinary meeting of the Presbytery, was held in Kingston, on the 9th May. Mr. Gregg reported, that as Convener of the Committee on Ministerial Support, he had visited and conferred with nearly all the congregations within the bounds, and generally, they had resolved to augment their contributions to the support of the gospel among themselves. The Presbytery instructed Mr. Gregg to prepare a circular on the subject of ministerial support, to be distributed among the congregations.

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Mr. Reid, stating that Messrs. McCaughey and Thorn had been appointed by the Home Mission Committee, to labour within the bounds during the summer.

The Clerk reported, that as instructed, he had written for information respecting the preparation of a Book of Discipline, but had received no reply from the Convener. The Presbytery agreed to record their disappointment that no opportunity has been afforded them of examining the draft copy of the proposed book, and their strong sense of the inconvenience caused by the delay.

Mr. Chambers having accepted the call from Pictou, the Presbytery agreed to proceed to the necessary steps to his ordination. The moderator stated that, to avoid delay, he had prescribed exercises to Mr. Chambers; the Presbytery agreed to waive any irregularity and procedure, and to adopt the subjects prescribed.