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THE THINGS OF HEAVEN ARE SURE.

From the Spanish of Alonzo de Proaza.

The things of heaven are safe and sure ;
The things of earth, though bright they be ;
Will fade and perish speedily.

The things of heaven; of heavenly birth;
Unchanged; eternal shall remain,
While the most steadfast things of earth
Are all unstable, trembling, vain,—
The sport of mutability.

The things of earth; though bright they be,
Will fade and perish speedily.

The things we see above are bright,
Pure, spiritual, and beautiful ;
While all below is dark as night,—
Unintellectual, selfish, dull,
I know not what the senses see,
To wean us from eternity,
To scenes that fade so speedily.

The spirit has its natural seat
In the celestial heights above ;
Earth is its prison, its retreat—
Where, lost in mists, 'tis sent to rove :
Feeble, and dim, and tremblingly,
Man wanders on, as vex'd to be
Midst things of earth that fade and flee.

The things of earth are like a river,—
A summer river—swiftly dry ;—
The things above endure forever,
Their ocean is—immensity.

There streams of joy which ne'er shall be
Exhausted, roll eternally,
And thither let our spirits flee.—*Amer. Paper.*

SYNOCDICAL 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 MONTREAL.

Next ordinary meeting is appointed to be held within the Session House of the Free Church, Coê Street, Montreal, on Wednesday, 2nd November, at ten o'clock, A. M.

D. FRASER, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

An adjourned meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto is appointed to be held in the usual place, on Wednesday, the 9th November, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Next ordinary meeting of Presbytery will be held on the first Wednesday of December.

T. WIGHTMAN, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

The next meeting of Presbytery is appointed to be held at Cobourg, on the second Wednesday of Nov., at 12 o'clock, noon.

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

PRESBYTERY OF PERTH.

The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery will be held at Perth, on the 10th January next, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

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

COLLECTION FOR BUXTON MISSION AND THE SYNOCD FUND.

We would earnestly urge all congregations who have not collected for these objects, to do so without delay, as there are demands which must be met forthwith.

PRESBYTERY OF PERTH.

The ordinary meeting of the Presbytery of Perth was held at Bytown, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 13th and 14th instant. The Rev. H. Gordon of Gananoque was present, and sat with the Presbytery. The following were the chief items of business:—

The members present stated that the collection for the French Canadian Missionary Society had been taken up in their respective charges.

An appeal case from Perth, on a matter of discipline, occupied a considerable time. The decision of the session was sustained.

Mr. Rennie, the Presbytery's Missionary, gave in a very interesting Report of his labors for the short time he has been within the bounds. I enclose it for publication.

The students within the bounds underwent an examination previously to their entering college. Among them there is one who has recently arrived from Scotland, named Seivewright. He appears to be a very promising young man, and likely, by the grace of God, to be useful in building up the walls of Zion! The students gave great satisfaction.

The Presbytery made the following appointments for supplying the vacant congregations and stations till next meeting:—

AYLMER AND EARDLEY.

September 18th and 25th.....Mr. J. McEwen.
October 2nd and 9th.....Mr. J. Rennie.
" 23rd.....Mr. Gourlay.
November 6th.....Mr. Lochhead.
December 4th.....Mr. Wardrope.
" 25th.....Mr. Corbett.

PERTH.

September 18th and 25th.....Mr. Rennie.
October 2nd and 9th.....Mr. Seivewright.
November 6th.....Mr. Duncan.
" 20th.....Mr. Smith.
December 1st.....Mr. Fraser.
" 25th.....Mr. Gray.
January 8th.....Mr. Melville.

BUCKINGHAM.

September 18th and 25th.....Mr. Seivewright.
October 2nd and 9th.....Mr. McEwen.

North Gower and Cumberland are to enjoy the services of Mr. McEwen during the winter; Bristol being supplied *ad extra*.

A plan of missionary meetings was drawn up and adopted, which I shall send for insertion in the December Record.

The Presbytery meets in Perth on the 10th of January, at 7 P. M.

S. C. FRASER,
Pres. Clerk.

REPORT ON THE STATIONS AT AYL- MER AND EARDLEY.

(*Presbytery of Perth.*)

Your Missionary to Aylmer and Eardley begs to report as follows:—