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KNOX'S COLLEGE.
Close of the Session of 1850-51

The examinations will commence about the first of April, and will be conducted partly in writing and partly orally. The examinations by writing will be taken first, to be followed up afterwards by oral exercises, in connection with an announcement of the order of merit of the written exercises. We refer for more minute particulars to the printed programme.

The formal closing of the session has been appointed to take place on Wednesday, the 16th instant—the public exercises on that occasion commencing at noon.

All who feel an interest in the institution are respectfully invited to attend.

COLLEGE COMMITTEE.—The Committee of Knox's College will meet in the Library of the institution on Tuesday, the 15th April, at 12 o'clock, noon. A full attendance is earnestly desired.

The Committee for the current year consists of the Rev. Messrs. McKenzie, Roger, Gregg, R. Boyd, Wardrope, Gordon, Stark, Gale, Bayne, and Rintoul, Ministers; and the Hon. M. Cameron, Hon. J. MacDonald, Dr. Dickson, John Fraser, G. Davidson, J. Burns, W. Notman, J. Gibb, J. Redpath, J. McMurch, S. Spreull, and James Shaw, Esquires, together with the Professors.

SYNOD'S HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Synod's Home Mission Committee will be held at Toronto (D.V.), on Tuesday, the 15th April, at six o'clock, p.m., when the Missionaries and Catechists at their disposal will be distributed for the summer half-year. Clerks of Presbyteries are requested to send to the Convenor applications for missionaries, not later than six days previous to said meeting. At the same time they are specially requested to communicate such statistical information as may furnish materials for a General Report to the Synod, specifying the number of stations within the bounds of the Presbytery, and the number of persons connected with each, as far as can be ascertained—the amount of missionary services supplied to these stations—whether religious services are conducted at the stations in the absence of a missionary, and what is the attendance on such occasions—what are the apparent fruits from the labours of the missionaries—what funds have been collected within the bounds of the Presbytery for the Presbytery's Home Mission—and how they have been applied—whether there are any localities within the bounds of the Presbytery where it would be desirable to open new stations; with

any other particulars that would be generally interesting to the Church.

It is further requested that those Congregations and Stations that have not yet made the Collection for the Synod's Home Mission Fund, will do so at their earliest convenience, and send the proceeds to the Treasurer, Mr. D. McLellan, Bookseller, Hamilton, or to Mr. Burns, at the Agency Office, Toronto, in order that a full statement of the income may be submitted to the Committee at its next meeting.

ALEX. GALE, *Convenor.*

COMMITTEE ON THE STANDARDS.—The Committee on the Standards of the Church will meet (D.V.) in the Divinity Hall of Knox's College, on Thursday the 17th inst., at 10 o'clock, a.m.

M. WILKS, } *Joint*
A. GALE, } *Convenor.*

The following members compose the Committee, viz: the Moderator of Synod, Dr. Wilks, Messrs. Bayne, Harris, McMurray, Roger, McLeod and Starke, ministers; and Messrs. Davidson, Fernier, McLellan, Elder, Osborne & Blain, elders.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The meeting held on 5th March was attended by ten ministers and five elders.

A call from Ohio and Ottawa in favour of Mr. John Gray, Probationer, was laid upon the presbytery's table, and sustained. Mr. Gray by letter, signified his acceptance of it.

The Committee on the College Charter were authorized to transmit the draft of Charter to the various presbyteries calling their attention to such points as they may deem peculiarly important.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Session of Thorah and Eldon, asking a deliberate and full statement of the condition of these congregations, and the supply required.

It was resolved that the Presbytery's accounts be made up and submitted for audit at the next ordinary meeting, and that in the meantime the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery make out and submit a statement of all the Presbytery's liabilities.

The Presbytery referred to their Committee the duty of preparing a report as to the Home Mission field within their bounds and its subdivisions, the organization of the stations, the necessity of a more ample supply of missionaries and the means of their support.

Several applications for supply and other matters of routine were disposed of, and the Presbytery adjourned to meet on the 19th March to receive reports of Committees and on the 16th April, at noon, for ordinary business.

The following lines have a melancholy interest. They were written on the occasion of leaving her four boys, by Mrs. Millar, wife of the Free Church Missionary, at Chinsurah. She died of cholera, within forty-eight hours after their arrival.

"ON LEAVING MY BOYS.

"Jesus! my Lord! to thee I call
In this the hour of deep distress;
Thou art my hope, my trust, my all,
In this life's dreary wilderness.

"My children I have given to thee,
Oh shield them in temptation's hour!
A mother's eye no more can see
To interpose her gentle power.

"Oh may the holy Spirit fall
In copious showers on these young hearts,
That, undisturb'd at folly's call,
They may stand proof 'gainst Satan's darts.

"And may they join that valued few
Who Jesus own, as sovereign Lord,
And choose for friends the good, the true,
Who walk by faith, and keep God's word!

"Then, should we ever meet again,
We'll taste of sweetest, purest joys,
And all forgot shall be the pain
Of parting from our dearest boys.

"But if on earth this may not be,
Oh, Father! may we meet above—
An unbroken, ransom'd family,
Join'd in the bands of Jesus' love.

"At Sea, July 1850. "M. M."

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The Presbytery of Toronto will meet in the Library of Knox's College, on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at 12 o'clock, noon.