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### THAT LAND.

*(From the German of Uhland.)*

There is a land where beauty will not fade,  
 Nor sorrow dim the eye;  
 Where true hearts will not sink nor be dismay'd,  
 And love will never die.  
 Tell me—I tain would go,  
 For I am burdened with a heavy woe;  
 The Beautiful have left me all alone;  
 The True,—the Tender,—from my path have gone,  
 And I am weak and fainting with despair;  
 Where is it? tell me, where?  
 Friend thou must trust in Him who trod before  
 The desolate paths of life;  
 Must bear in meekness, as he meekly bore,  
 Sorrow, and toil, and strife.  
 Think how the Son of God  
 These thorny paths has trod;  
 Yet tarried out for thee th' appointed woe;  
 Think of his loneliness in places dim,  
 When no man comforted or cared for him,  
 Think how he prayed, unaided and alone,  
 In that dead agony, "Thy will be done!"  
 Friend do not thou despair,  
 Christ, in his heaven of heavens, will hear thy prayer.

### PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held in London on the second Tuesday of October, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

### PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held in Kingston, on Tuesday, 9th Dec., at 10 o'clock, a. m.

WILLIAM GREGG, *Presb. Clerk.*

### PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held in Montreal, on the 22nd October.  
D. FRASER, *Pres. Clerk.*

### PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE AND OTTAWA.

The next meeting of this Presbytery will be held in Ottawa, on the first Tuesday of December. Session Records are ordered to be given in from all organized congregations.  
S. C. FRASER, *Pres. Clerk.*

### KNOX'S COLLEGE—OPENING OF SESSION.

The session of 1856-7 will open on the 1st of October. The opening Lecture will be delivered in the College Hall on that day, at the hour of eleven o'clock, a. m.

### HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Home Mission Committee will meet for the distribution of missionaries, in the vestry of Knox's Church, on Wednesday, 1st October, at 7 o'clock, p. m.

Presbytery Clerks are requested to send, one week previously, a list of all the missionaries at present within their bounds, and also a statement of the number required for the winter half year. It is desirable that each Presbytery should be represented.

W. REID, *Convener.*

### COLLEGE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the College Committee will be held in the College, on Wednesday, 1st October, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

M. WILLIS, *Convener.*

### COLLEGE BUILDING COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Building Committee, will be held in the College, on Wednesday, 1st October, immediately after the Closing Exercises.

W. REID, *Convener.*

### PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

*To the Congregations and Mission Stations within the Bounds of the Presbytery of Hamilton.*

The above Congregations and Stations are hereby apprized that the Treasurer of the Presbytery's Home Mission Scheme, is not in Funds to meet all the Accounts of the Missionaries falling due at the opening of the College, and are requested to forward, at their earliest convenience, such sums as may be in hand.

It is to be regretted that some of the Stations under the care of this Presbytery, have been somewhat negligent in discharging their duty to the Home Mission Fund, so much so, indeed, as to render it necessary to call the special attention of the Presbytery to the subject.

R. IRVINE, *Convener.*

### PRESBYTERY OF COBourg.

This Presbytery met at Peterboro', on Tuesday, the 26th of August.

The Presbytery entered upon the consideration of the Rev. Robert Boag's resignation of the Congregation of Cartwright and Manvers.—There was laid before the Presbytery, resolutions of the Session and congregation, to the effect that they were sorry that Mr. Boag had resigned, but stating that they did not mean to throw any obstacles in the way of his resignation being accepted. After mature deliberation it was resolved to accept of Mr. Boag's resignation, and to declare the pastoral tie between him and the Congregation of Cartwright dissolved from this date. The Presbytery have to record their regret in parting with Mr. Boag, and their sense of the fidelity with which he has laboured in the cultivation of the portion of the vineyard which was committed to his care.

The Presbytery inquired what had been done in the raising of funds for the College Buildings. From statements made, it appeared that the matter had been brought before all the Congregations, and that funds were being raised.

The session records of Baltimore, Bowmanville, and Springville were received, and committees appointed to examine them. Those of Grafton and Otonabee were promised to be handed to the committees named to inspect them.

Mr. Chesnut was appointed to supply Cartwright; Mr. Tait to preach on alternate Sabbaths in Percy and Seymour Bridge, and in the Plains and Alnwick, till the meeting of the Home Mission Committee.

Mr. Roger and Mr. John Smith were appointed to attend the meeting of the Home Mission Committee, and to request three missionaries for this Presbytery.

It was resolved that there should be four stated meetings of Presbytery during the year, and that they should be held on the 1st Tuesday in January, and last Tuesdays in February, May, and September.

The duty of ministers and elders attending regularly the meetings of Presbytery was considered. It was agreed that, if any one left before the business was concluded, or if absent altogether, that an apology be required at next meeting, and that it be entered on the records whether the apology was satisfactory. If a member is absent from two successive meetings without any known cause of his absence, that a Committee be appointed to deal with him.

Mr. McKenzie stated that he had received a letter from Mr. Inglis, Hamilton, agent the Board of Publication, and requested the attention of the Presbytery to its contents. It was agreed that members of Presbytery send to Mr. McKenzie, as soon as possible, the names of persons willing to sell, in their respective localities, the publications of the Board. It was also agreed to make enquiry for a proper person to act as Correspondent for the Presbytery.

J. BOWIE, *Pres. Clerk.*