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The Record.

THE College Committee of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada will meet (D. V.) on Tuesday, the 31st day of March next, in the Divinity Hall at the house of the Rev. Professor Esson, in Adelaide Street, at the hour of seven, P. M. An examination of all the classes in the College will take place on the day following, commencing at ten, A. M.; and on this account, as well as because that the attention of the Committee will be called to measures for giving permanency and enlargement to the institution, a full attendance of members is requested.

W. M. RINTOUL, *Convenor.*

Toronto, 25th Feb., 1846.

For the information of our Gaelic readers, we would intimate that the *Gaelic Witness*, a monthly periodical issued under the auspices of the Free Church of Scotland, is stamped and can be sent to Canadian subscribers by mail. The yearly subscription for it, when sent by mail, is 3s. 6d. currency; and subscriptions will be received, and carefully forwarded, by Mr. D. McLellan, King Street, Hamilton.

MEETING OF COMMISSION.

At the adjourned Meeting of the Commission of Synod, holden at Toronto on the 10th and 11th ult., the only business of a formal nature transacted, was the preparation of the draft of a Model Trust Deed, for Church property. This document, which was drafted by a legal gentleman connected with the Church, and well acquainted with Presbyterian institutions, was subjected to a careful examination by the Commission, and various suggestions were adopted in regard to its provisions, and ordered to be submitted to the legal counsel, with a view to their being introduced by him in proper form into the Deed. The Convenor of the Committee was also instructed to cause the Deed, after being thus revised, to be printed in the *Ecclesiastical and Missionary Record*, in order that the attention of the Church generally may be drawn to it, and especially that Presbyteries may take it into consideration and report their observations on it to the Synod. We hoped to have been able to print this document in the present No. of the *Record*, but we now find that it will not be ready in time for this purpose. We shall, however, cause it to be put in type immediately on its completion, and shall forward copies of it, in a separate form, to each Presbytery Clerk for distribution in the meantime, reserving a place for it in our April No. We may take this opportunity of stating, that the Deed is designed to provide merely for the holding of the property for the proper ecclesiastical purposes, and for giving the Trustees sufficient power to protect it from injury—the whole matter of the ordinary internal management of the affairs of congregations being studiously excluded from it—so that those concerns

which pertain to the spiritual society may be as little as possible brought into contact with secular laws and courts.

The Commission and College Committee were principally engaged during the meeting in deliberations respecting the Theological Institution; in which, as also in regard to the Model Trust Deed, they enjoyed the valuable assistance and counsel of the Rev. James Begg of Edinburgh, a deputy to the Church from the Free Church of Scotland, and of the Rev. Mr. Robb of Halifax, N. S. The conclusions arrived at in regard to this all-important matter, have not yet assumed a form sufficiently definite and mature to enable us to submit them to the Church at large; and we can only state at present, that it is regarded as indispensable to the well-being of the Church that immediate steps be taken to place our seminary on a more extended basis, before the commencement of another session. For this purpose, an additional Professor in the Theological department will have to be appointed, and suitable buildings erected. It is also strongly felt that we ought to aim at the establishment of a school and boarding-house for the general education and training of youth; to be placed under the direction of a person of tried religious character, practically acquainted with the systems pursued in the best seminaries of the present day, and qualified to imbue the whole course of education with a thoroughly Christian spirit. This department of the Institution, if wisely and vigorously conducted, would not only afford great advantages for preliminary instruction to those of our youth that are looking forward to the ministry, but would be available to our youth generally, and be regarded as an invaluable boon by many Christian parents. It is also contemplated that it should be adapted for the training of teachers, and should exemplify the most approved modes of tuition. We have the best reason to expect that our friends in Great Britain will readily and liberally lend us their aid in accomplishing these objects; and some efficient agency must be employed to bring the undertaking under their notice with suitable effect; but an effort—and a great one—will also be required on the part of the Church and its friends in this country; and we trust that when it is fairly brought before us, we shall not be found wanting.

THE REV. JAMES BEGG.

This able and respected deputy of the Free Church of Scotland has recently paid a short visit to Canada West—having arrived in Toronto in the beginning of last month—after spending several weeks in visiting various parts of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. He was accompanied to Canada by the Rev. Ralph Robb of Halifax. Mr. Begg, after visiting Hamilton, Dundas and Binbrook, in the first week of last month, returned to Toronto, and assisted Dr. Burns in the dispensation of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Sabbath the 6th ult. On the evening of Monday the 9th he addressed a large meeting in

Knox's Church, Toronto—on which occasion an address was presented to him by the Highlanders of that congregation—in testimony of their admiration of his exertions in behalf of their persecuted countrymen in Scotland—Tuesday and Wednesday were occupied with the business of Commission and College Committee—and on Thursday Mr. Begg addressed a large meeting in the Presbyterian Church of Streetsville. On the following day he set out for Montreal and Quebec. He purposes to return home by the end of April. We need hardly add that his visit has proved a most refreshing and profitable one, short as it was, and that we anticipate great a vantage from it to our Church. Since Mr. Begg's departure Mr. Robb has visited a large portion of the Presbytery of Hamilton—a visit which has proved most acceptable wherever it has been enjoyed.

LONDON.—REV. MR. SOMERVILLE.—The call from London to this excellent minister was brought before the Presbytery of Glasgow on the 7th of January; and it is not without painful feelings that we state, that he has declined accepting of it. We have only room to add, that the Executive Government have decided the question respecting the property of the place of worship at London in favour of the adherents of the Presbyterian Church of Canada,—they refunding, according to their own proposal, the sum subscribed towards the building by the adherents of the Scottish Establishment. This is an act of equity which might well have been exemplified by private parties in many other cases, in which, unhappily, a very different course has been pursued. We trust our brethren at London will, under present circumstances, be enabled to cast themselves with confidence on the great Lord of the Harvest.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

A special meeting of this Presbytery was recently held at St. Thomas, for the ordination and induction of the Rev. John McKinnon as pastor of the Congregation there. We have as yet received no formal report of the proceedings, and can only state from incidental information that after sermon by the Rev. Wm. Meldrum of Pausluch in Gaelic, and by the Rev. Mr. Bayne of Galt in English, the peculiar solemnity of the day was conducted by Mr. Bayne—and the youthful pastor was set apart to his sacred office, by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery. The Rev. Donald McKenzie of Zorra also took part in the concluding addresses, to the newly ordained Minister and his people. The whole services were, we understand, felt to be of the most impressive kind, and we fervently trust that this will prove at length the commencement of a day of Gospel light, and blessing to this large and long neglected congregation.

THE REV. DR. FERRIER.—An application has just been received by the Presbytery Clerk for the moderation of the Presbytery of Hamilton in a call to Dr. Ferrier, from the Presbyterian congre-