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COLLECTION FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada appointed the yearly collection for Foreign Missions to be made in all the congregations of the Church on Sabbath the 6th September. It is requested that ministers and other office-bearers will give attention to this appointment, intimating the same in due season to the people of their charge, and urging on them, in such terms as may be deemed suitable, the claims which this department of the Lord's work has on the prayers and liberality of all his people. It is hoped that the office-bearers in vacant congregations, and at the various Home Mission preaching stations, will also keep this appointment in view, and, along with the missionaries and preachers visiting them, take care that an opportunity be afforded the people of contributing to this object. It may not be practicable, at many of the vacant stations, to make the collection on the day appointed: in such cases, it should be made as soon as possible thereafter. In all the settled congregations it is most desirable that the appointment of the Synod be strictly complied with.

The time, it may be hoped, is not far distant when, through the blessing of the Great Head of the Church upon us, the Presbyterian Church of Canada shall be privileged to undertake for herself a mission to the Heathen. It will be remembered, however, that, in the meantime, the Foreign Mission Scheme of the Free Church of Scotland is the channel into which the Synod has appointed our contributions for this object to flow, and that our annual collection in aid of this scheme was intended by the Synod to be at once a practical acknowledgment of our obligation as a Church to seek the promulgation of the Gospel among Jews and Gentiles, and an affectionate testimony of our gratitude to that Church for the reasonable and generous aid which she has rendered, and is still rendering, to our cause in this land, by means of her able and devoted deputies, and her donations to our Education and Home Mission operations.

It may be proper to observe, that the Jews' Mission of the Free Church of Scotland may participate in the proceeds of the collection, if any parties desiring this communicate their wish to the Treasurer, along with their remittances. At the same time it ought to be kept in view, that the Foreign Mission has special claims upon our liberality at present, inasmuch as a large extra sum is required for Missionary buildings at Calcutta, Madras, Bombay, and Capetown.

N.B.—Collections and contributions for Foreign Missions are to be remitted to John Redpath, Esq., Montreal, the Treasurer.

WM. RINTOUL, Synod Clerk.

The members of Synod, and the Church generally, are respectfully informed that the Minutes of Synod are now in the press. The publication will

embrace full abstracts of the Sessions at Cobourg in June, 1845, and of those at Hamilton, in June last; as well also as abstracts of the Sessions at Kingston, in July, 1844, when the Synod was formed; and of those in Toronto in October of the same year.

One copy will be allowed to every Minister on the Roll of the Synod, or known to be ordained or inducted into a charge since the late meeting of Synod; and one copy also for the use of every Session, and of every committee at mission or preaching stations. These the committee on the Minutes have agreed shall be without charge;—and they shall be forwarded as under:—

To Mr. D. McLellan, Hamilton, for those who are in the Hamilton Presbytery.

To Mr. J. P. Westland, Toronto, for those in the Toronto Presbytery.

To Mr. Andrew Milne, Cobourg, for those in the Cobourg Presbytery.

To Messrs. Andrew and David Shaw, Kingston, for those in the Presbyteries of Kingston, Brockville and Perth.

And to John Redpath, Esq., Montreal, for those in the Presbytery of Montreal.

It may be presumed that this publication will have some interest to Elders, Deacons, and members of the Church generally; and the above gentlemen will be requested to take charge of an additional number of copies which will be sold at a price which cannot yet be determined, but which shall be made barely to cover the actual cost of the publication.

It is now requested that Ministers, Elders, Deacons, and Chairmen of Committees, at Mission Stations, will endeavour to ascertain the number of copies that may be required for their several congregations or neighbourhoods, and for which they will become responsible, and intimate the same as soon as practicable (if by letter post paid) to Mr. J. F. WESTLAND, Bookseller, Toronto, or to the Clerk of Synod. The extent of the impression will be determined by the orders thus received.

WM. RINTOUL, Synod Clerk.
Streetsville, 14th July, 1846.

The College Committee will meet at Toronto, in the Divinity Hall, Adelaide Street, on the 11th instant, at three o'clock P. M. A full attendance of members is earnestly attended. (See notice of last meeting of this Committee in this number of the Record.)

WM. RINTOUL, *Convent. C. C.*

The Sustentation Board of the Presbyterian Church of Canada will meet at Hamilton, in the Lecture Room of Knox's Church, on Monday, the 17th instant, at four o'clock P. M.

By order,

JAMES WALKER, Secretary

To Secretaries.—The publisher regrets that, after the lapse of another month, a large amount of subscriptions for the past year still remains un-

paid. This occasions serious inconvenience, and we earnestly beg that every reader of the Record who may have hitherto omitted to pay his subscription, will remit to him immediately, that the accounts for the past year may be finally adjusted.

MEETING OF COLLEGE COMMITTEE.

The College Committee held their first meeting since the meeting of Synod, at Toronto, on the 7th inst. The meeting was well attended, an indication, we trust, of the resolution of the members of the Committee to be faithful to the important trust which their brethren have devolved upon them. The Ministers and Elders in attendance were as follows:—Mr. Rintoul (convenor), Mr. Professor Esson, Mr. Gale, Mr. Harris, Mr. Cheyne, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Reid, Ministers;—and Mr. Westland and Mr. Burns, Elders. Dr. Burns was absent, having been abroad on a Missionary tour. One principal subject of deliberation by the Committee was the academy or preparatory school, the institution of which had been approved of by the Synod, and commended to them, and the following is the amount of the resolutions of the Committee on this subject:—1. That the Committee, deeply impressed with the necessity of an institution in which a thorough education, such as may be subordinate to professional studies, and which shall be pervaded with Christian influence, shall be provided, shall take steps, as authorised by the Synod, for its establishment.

2. That for the present the Institution shall be conducted by one Head Master, and such assistants as may be found necessary.

3. That a Boarding House shall be established in connection with the Academy, and be at the outset under the care of the Head Master.

The 4th resolution appointed a Sub-Committee for making interim arrangements, with a view to the commencement of the institution in the course of the autumn.

And the 5th respects another meeting on the 11th August, when the Committee will proceed to the election of a Head Master. The meeting will be held at Toronto, and in the Divinity Hall, Adelaide Street, at 3 P. M. of that day. The clause inserted by the Synod, at the late meeting, in the instructions given to the Committee, and which was suggested by an official member of the committee, requiring that the election shall not take place until 30 days after the Committee have resolved on electing, was designed to guard against precipitancy in the decision, in a matter of so great importance, and with a view to the obtaining of a full meeting of the Committee on the occasion. This we trust will be obtained, and from the prayerful spirit which characterised the recent meeting of the Committee, and the disposition expressed to undertake the academy with all its responsibilities as a work auxiliary to the cause of the Saviour, we entertain a confident hope that the choice of a Master that may be made will approve itself to all the well-wishers of the Church, and be itself a token for good to the institution.

Our College has been most manifestly blessed both as respects the number of its students and the progress they have made in their studies,—though it wants what many are disposed to regard as the very essentials of a College—endowments and edifices of its own; and we have been blessed, we may believe, just because we have been giving ourselves to instruct as we could those who were giving themselves to the ministry of the Kingdom. Now there is a manifest want amongst us of a School for all the branches of education that are subordinate either to the general business of life or to professional studies where these branches will be vigorously taught, and where, at the same