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THE BLESSEDNESS OF DOING GOOD.

Would'st thou from sorrow find a sweet relief?
Or is thy heart oppress'd with woes untold?
Balm would'st thou gather for corroding grief?
Four blessings round thee like a shower of gold.

'Tis when the rose is wrapp'd in many a fold,
Close to its heart the worm is wasting there
Its life and beauty; not when, all unroll'd,
Leaf after leaf, its blossom rich and fair,
Breathes freely its perfumes throughout the am-
 bient air.

Rouse to some work of high and holy love,
And thou an angel's happiness shalt know.
Shalt bless the earth while in the world above,
The good work done by thee shall onward flow
In many a branching stream, and wider grow;
The seed that in these few and fleeting hours
Thy hands unsparing and unweary'd sow,
Shall deck thy grave with amaranthine flowers
And yield thee fruits divine in heaven's im-
 mortal bowers.

—American Poet.

SYNODICAL 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 BROCKVILLE.

The Presbytery of Brockville will hold its next ordinary, in Brockville, on the first Tuesday of May, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

JOHN McMURRAY, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

The next meeting of Presbytery is appointed to be held at Keene, on Tuesday, 7th March, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

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

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery is appointed to be held at Kingston, on the last Tuesday of April, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

W. GREGG, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery will be held in Hamilton, on the second Tuesday of April, at 3 o'clock, p. m.

M. Y. STARR, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

The ordinary quarterly meeting of this Court was held on the 25th January—the Rev. David Black of St. Therese de Blainville, acting as moderator, *pro tem.*

The principal items of business were as follows:—

A call was laid on the table, from the congregation at Vankleekhull to Mr. Duncan Cameron, Probationer, duly moderated by the Rev. Daniel Gordon, and numerously signed. The call was sustained, and placed in the hands of Mr. Cameron, who signified his acceptance thereof. Trials for ordination were prescribed, and arrangements for the ordination made. Mr. Fraser, of Montreal, to preach and preside.

A petition was presented from the congregations of Durham and North Georgetown—for moderation of a call to Mr. Robert McArthur, Probationer. Mr. Inglis of Montreal was appointed to visit those congregations, and if he finds them ripe for a pastoral settlement, to moderate in a call.

Mr. John Milne, preacher of the gospel, presented a Commission from the Colonial Com-

mittee of the Free Church of Scotland, designating him to this Presbytery. Mr. Milne was cordially received, and appointed to supply the vacant churches of St. Louis de Gonzague and English River, on alternate Sabbaths, till further instructions.

A call was laid on the table, from the congregation at Leeds, to Mr. James McConechy, Preacher, moderated by Mr. Swinton, as substitute for Mr. Clark, and numerously signed. The call was sustained, and Mr. McConechy, by letter to the moderator, signified his acceptance of the same. Whereupon it was resolved, that Mr. Clark of Quebec, and Mr. Troup, (laboring at Inverness,) be appointed to attend to the settlement of Mr. McConechy, as minister at Leeds, at a date to be fixed and intimated by themselves.

Petitions from Laquerre and from Farnham, for services of students during the ensuing summer, were received and read, and referred to the Home Mission Committee.

A petition was received and read from 124 inhabitants of the Townships of Greenville and Harrington, in the County of Two Mountains, describing their spiritual destitution, and asking to be taken under the care of this Presbytery.—Mr. Fraser of Montreal was requested to visit and organize the petitioners—availing himself, if practicable, of the help of Mr. Cattnach, Elder at Lochiel.

Arrangements were made for the ordination of office-bearers, already elected, at Williams-town.

In compliance with the request of the Rev. Daniel Clark, ordained minister, without charge, a Presbyterial certificate was ordered to be granted to him, in view of his removal to a sphere of christian labor in the State of Ohio.

Mr. Fraser gave notice, that at next ordinary meeting, he would move that the Note in reference to certain passages of the Confession of Faith, sent down to Presbyteries by last Synod, be accepted simpliciter.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

The Kingston Presbytery met at Demorestville, on the 10th January. The Rev. J. W. Smith, of Grafton, being present, was invited to sit with the Presbytery.

The Clerk reported that he had forwarded the call to Mr. Nisbet, from the congregations of Melrose and Roslin to the Toronto Presbytery, and that he had received a letter from Mr. Reid, stating that Mr. Nisbet had declined it. The Presbytery agreed to express their sympathy with these congregations in their disappointment.

Mr. Chesnut stated that they had requested him to apply for some licentiate to labor among them; and the Convener of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee was instructed to correspond with different parties, with a view of obtaining the services of an additional laborer.