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SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA.

The Annual Meeting of Synod will be held in Chalmers' Church, Kingston, on Tuesday, 9th June, at 7 o'clock, p. m., at which hour the opening sermon will be preached by the Moderator.

W. REID, *Synod Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE AND OTTAWA.

The next ordinary meeting will take place in Ottawa, on the first Tuesday of June, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

S. C. FRASER, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

The ordinary Quarterly Meeting of this court is appointed to be held at Cornwall, on the 1st Wednesday of August.

A. F. KEMP, *Clerk, pro. tem.*

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

The next meeting of the Presbytery of Kingston, is appointed to be held in Chalmers' Church, Kingston, on Tuesday, the 9th day of June, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Wm. GREGG, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

A special meeting will be held at Chatham on Wednesday, the 20th May, at 10 o'clock A.M. The next ordinary meeting will be held at London, on the first Tuesday of July, at 10 o'clock A.M.

J. SCOTT, *Pres. Clerk.*

TO PRESBYTERY CLERKS.

Presbytery Clerks are earnestly requested to forward to the Rev. Wm. REID, Toronto, the Clerk of the Synod, before the meeting of Synod, which takes place at Kingston, on Tuesday, 9th June, Rolls of their respective Presbyteries, so that the Synod Roll may be made up at the commencement of the Session.

Presbytery Clerks are also requested to forward to the Synod, the necessary certificates and extracts with reference to such Students of Divinity, as may be proposed for being taken on trials for license.

Presbyteries are also directed to report to the Synod, such congregations as have continued to neglect the stated collections.

Presbytery Clerks are required by the Synod to prepare and forward condensed reports of all cases of license, ordination, induction, deposition and death of ministers, within the bounds of the several Presbyteries during the year.

It is desirable that all Overtures, References, Petitions, and other papers to be laid before the Synod, be forwarded as early as possible, so that the business of the Synod may be properly arranged.

It is requested that each extract, &c., be transcribed on a separate sheet of paper, and that each extract, overture or petition, be written on a full sheet of foolscap or letter paper.

Wm. REID, *Synod Clerk.*

Proceedings of Presbyteries, &c.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

Last meeting of this presbytery was held in Toronto on the 5th and 6th of May.

The overture on the duties of elders and deacons sent down by the Synod for the consideration of presbyters was considered, and after mature deliberation, the following deliverance thereon was agreed to:—

"The Presbytery, sensible of the importance of having the subject of the duties of the various ecclesiastical office-bearers brought more pro-

minently before the Church, would approve of the issuing of a declarative statement on the subject by the Supreme Court; but inasmuch as any formal enactment by the Synod would in effect be equivalent to part of a Book of Discipline and forms of procedure, with which the Church is still unprovided, and which the Synod has declared itself at present unprepared to issue under its sanction; and inasmuch as the principles on which Church Government is to be administered, and congregational matters generally are to be managed, are laid down in the form of Church Government approved by the Westminster Assembly, and recognized by this Church as presently practiced therein; the presbytery are of opinion that any legislation on the subject in the manner proposed is uncalled for, and would not tend to edification, and therefore disapprove of the overture. And further, in any statement on the subject which might be issued, the Presbytery would desire a distinction between the judicial functions of the ruling Elder, and the administrative functions proper to the Deacon; and a more distinct statement of the relations obtaining between Deacons and the Church Courts on the one hand, and the membership of the Church on the other."

Dr. Willis brought before the Presbytery the duty of memorializing the Governor General and the two houses of the Provincial Parliament on the subject of the sanctification of the Sabbath. A form of petition was submitted, to be extended and signed by the Moderator and Clerk in name of the Presbytery.

In compliance with a petition from the congregation of Cook's Church, Toronto, now vacant, a call was moderated in favor of the Rev. Wm. Gregg of Belleville, and sustained by the Presbytery. The call which is a unanimous one, and contains a guarantee of minister's stipend, was left a few days in the hands of the Elders for additional signatures, thereafter to be transmitted to the Presbytery of Kingston. Rev. Messrs Reid and Lowry were appointed commissioners to prosecute Mr. Gregg's translation.

Mr. Daniel Anderson, and Mr. James Cameron, students, having completed the usual course of study in Knox's College, were examined with a view of leave being asked of the ensuing Synod to take them on trials for license; whereupon the Presbytery being satisfied of their piety, and with their proficiency in the several branches of study they have passed through, agreed to ask leave of the Synod to take them on public probationary trials for license; the usual circular letters to be written forthwith.

Rev. Thomas Sharp gave all his ordination trials, and was examined in Greek, Hebrew, Moral Philosophy, Logic, Natural Theology, Church History, Systematic Divinity, and Church Government. His discourses and examination were sustained, and his ordination was appointed to take place at Ashburn, (near of Whithy) on Wednesday the 20th May, at noon. Rev. Mr. Lowry to preach and preside;