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NOTICE.

An Abstract of the Minutes of the Synod is now passing through the press. It is requested that Presbytery Clerks transmit orders for the number of copies required for the respective congregations within their bounds without delay, and that they, at the same time, mention the channel through which they wish them to be sent. The price will not exceed one dollar for twelve copies, and on account of the embarrassed state of the Synod funds, it is not contemplated to issue any gratuitously. It is much regretted that copies of the abstract published last year were so late in many instances in reaching their destination.

It is requested that any arrears due on account of these, be transmitted without delay, to Mr John Laidlaw, of the house of Henderson & Laidlaw, King-Street, Toronto. Treasurer of the Synod Fund, &c to the Subscriber.

WM. RINTOUL,

Synod Clerk.

Strevestville, 29th June, 1847.

NOTICE TO COMMITTEES.

At the ninth resolution of the Synod, at the late Meeting at Kingston, the Home Mission Committee, and the Sustentation Board are authorized "to appoint such agent or agents as they may deem necessary and suitable for promoting the effective operation of these and the other schemes of the Church." I have now, at the suggestion of several members of Synod, to request that the members of the Committee and Board aforesaid shall assemble at Hamilton, on Tuesday, the 3rd of August next, and within Knox's Church there, at the hour of noon, that the Committee and Board may meet separately, or conjointly as may seem fit, for the object aforesaid.

And I do hereby also appoint the acting sub-committee of the College to meet at the same time and place.

WM. RINTOUL,

Clerk of Synod,

and Chairman of College Committee.

N. B. The Sustentation Board is the same as last year. See the names of the Home Mission Committee in this number of the Record.—Resolutions on the Home Mission, No. X.

Strevestville, July 17, 1847.

ORDINATION AT BELLEVILLE.

On Tuesday the 22d ultimo, the Rev. Wm. Gregg was ordained Pastor of the congregation, belonging to the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in this thriving town. The Presbytery of Kingston convened for the occasion, and after transacting some preliminary business, repaired at 2

o'clock, P.M., to the temporary place of worship in order to go through with the services of the day.

The Rev. Wm Hamilton, Picton, preached the Ordination Sermon, delivering an interesting and instructive discourse from Zech. vi. 12.—"Even he shall build the temple of the Lord, and he shall bear the glory." At its close Mr. Gregg having appeared in the presence of the audience, and satisfactorily answered the customary questions proposed, was solemnly invested with the oversight of the congregation, by the offering up of prayer, and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery. Thereafter the Rev. James Rogers, of Demarestville, Moderator, pro tem, gave the address to Pastor and people, setting forth in a Scriptural and faithful manner the respective duties of each and their mutual obligations.

The utmost attention seemed to be evinced by all present, and the deepest interest taken in the solemn and important proceedings of the day. Cordial were the greetings with which the young Pastor was saluted, and many were the good wishes expressed in his behalf, forming at once a pleasing evidence of the attachment which his new flock cherish towards him, and an encouraging earnest of his future acceptability and usefulness.

Mr. Gregg, who is a native of Ireland, came out last fall, under the auspices of the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, and during the interval, his labours have been more or less confined to this place and neighbourhood in and over which he has now been settled, embracing in addition to the Town of Belleville, (which is every day increasing in size and importance,) the adjoining district of Huntington Tyendinaga, with occasional visits to Mallock and some other contiguous stations.

His labours have been, and we fondly trust and pray will continue to be, duly appreciated. May he be encouraged and blessed in the discharge of his important duties when going forth with the sickle in his hand, in this the morning of his ministerial career, to the interesting though arduous field over which he has been appointed a labourer: may he in due time return again in the evening bringing many 'sheaves' with him.

ORDINATION AT KINGSTON.

We have pleasure in giving the following extract from a letter of a friend in Kingston, giving a brief but graphic account of the interesting solemnity above mentioned:—

"There was a pretty good attendance for the forenoon, in the City Buildings. The Ministers present were Messrs. Gordon, Hamilton, Gregg, Reid, Lorimer, (Baptist.) At the commencement Mr. Gordon returned a blessing on the services of the day; after singing the latter verses of the 73d Psalm and prayer, Mr. Hamilton read the 4th chapter of 2 Corinthians, and preached

from the 5th verse. Mr. Gregg gave an address or lecture defending Presbyterianism, a very clear exposition; after which Mr. Gordon proceeded to the more special solemnity of Ordination which he conducted in a very appropriate and impressive manner, with much feeling and earnestness; he included both Pastor and people in the address—dwelt upon the mutual obligations they now came under,—they giving the charge of their souls to him, he thus taking the charge, carrying forward the result of this newly formed relationship to the day of final reckoning, the day of days. Hope, he said, had been long deferred, now they and their teacher, of whom he spoke as a kindred spirit to young Melancthon. To his dear young brother he addressed himself very affectionately and faithfully, pointed out both his advantages and also the snares to which he would be exposed—his faith a gift from God, to be consecrated to God, with all the freshness of the morning dew."

NEW UNIVERSITY BILL.

We, the undersigned ministers of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, observing that a Bill has been recently introduced into the Provincial Legislature, under the sanction of the Provincial Executive, for partitioning among a few religious denominations the greater part of the endowment of King's College, Toronto, with the reservation of a small residue for the support of grammar schools, feel it not only a political duty, but a solemn obligation, moral and religious, to express our deep sorrow and indignation that an enactment so absurd and impolitic in its principle, (if principle it can be said to have,) and so mischievous and disorganizing in its tendency, should have been brought in by those who are put in trust with the guardianship and conservation of the domestic and most vital interests of the country: Education, Learning, Social Harmony, and Religious Liberty.

Entertaining these convictions, however repugnant it may be to our feelings and distracting and embarrassing in the midst of many other better and more congenial pursuits, to enter, even for a brief season, into the arena of political contention, we may not hesitate to declare our determination to oppose to the uttermost this most foolish and unprincipled enactment, and we would call upon our brethren every where throughout the land, to unite with us in taking immediate steps to resist at every stage, this Bill; and if unhappily it should be hurried through the Provincial Parliament, it will become our painful but imperative duty to appeal to our most gracious Sovereign, and to the British Parliament, to protect us against a measure fraught with all the worst elements that can enter into a legislative enactment.