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PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held at Peterboro, on the first Tuesday of October, at Eleven o'clock A.M.

JAMES BOWIE, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

The next ordinary meeting of his Presbytery will be held on the second Tuesday of October, at Ten o'clock A.M., in Brock Street Church, Kingston.

A. McALISTER, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The next ordinary meeting will be held at Hamilton, on the first Tuesday of October, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

JAMES MIDDLEMISS, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The next ordinary meeting of the Presbytery will be held at Toronto on the first Monday of October, at 7 P.M.

W. GREGG, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

The next ordinary meeting will be held at Lyn, on first Tuesday of November, at 10 a.m.

J. K. SMITH, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

This Presbytery will meet at Montreal on the first Tuesday of October, at Eleven o'clock A.M.

A. F. KEIR, *Pres. Clerk.*

KNOX COLLEGE—OPENING OF SESSION.

The Session of 1859-60 will open on the first Wednesday of October. The opening Lecture will be delivered in the College Hall, on that day, at half-past Eleven A.M., by Professor Young.

MEETING OF COLLEGE BOARD.

The Board of Management of Knox College will meet in the College on the first Wednesday of October next, at the close of the opening Lecture.

WILLIAM GREGG, *Chairman.*

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Home Mission Committee will meet in Knox College on the first Wednesday of October, at Four o'clock P.M.

ROBERT URE, *Convener.*

THE RECORD—INCREASED CIRCULATION.

In our last number it was mentioned that a circular was to be issued and sent to the ministers and agents of the Record in the various congregations. The following is the circular which has since been issued. It is earnestly hoped that it may have the effect of leading to a considerable increase of circulation. We are most desirous of obtaining an agent in every congregation. To prevent disappointment the names of new subscribers should be sent in before the end of October.

The next volume of the Record will be printed in clear distinct type somewhat larger than the present type, although the reading matter will not be materially lessened.

The price of the Record will be 2s. 6d. if paid strictly in advance, or before the end of the second month, otherwise the price will be 3s. 1½d.

12th August, 1859.

CIRCULAR.

DEAR SIR,—The Synod's Committee on the Record having met, resolved to address a circular to the ministers of the Church, in behalf of their monthly organ of religious intelligence. The Record is the only channel of communication between the church and her members; and it is exceedingly desirable that it should be kept up efficiently, and on a scale considerably beyond its present extent of circulation.

The number of copies printed monthly is

4,700; but of these about 4,300 only can be considered as paying copies, and as the price has been reduced to half a dollar, a surplus profit on the sale to any great extent cannot be counted on, and yet it has always amounted to at least £75. The Committee do not advise any change as to the price; but they are decidedly of opinion that by a united effort all over the church, an addition of from seven hundred to a thousand subscribers might be made, and the profits raised to £150 or £200.

We send you enclosed the list of subscribers from your congregation as it at present stands, and we earnestly ask your assistance in a careful inspection of it, with the view of such additions being made to it as may be proportioned to the actual number of members and adherents on your roll. Should you see meet to employ an agent for this purpose, he will, as a matter of course, be allowed a gratis copy for his own use; and you will oblige us further by letting us know the name and address of the agent so employed. By your own attention, and by the aid of a judicious friend, whom you may select, a very valuable service will be rendered to the Church.

We are duly sensible of the valuable service which ministers and agents have already rendered to the cause, and we return our thanks for the promptitude with which, in not a few instances, remittances at the proper time have been made. But we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that many accounts remain from year to year unsettled, and we fondly hope that a friendly appeal to the persons thus in arrears will produce the desired effect. Any information on this matter, over and above what may be furnished by our agents book or your own knowledge, will give us great pleasure to supply.

While we thus earnestly appeal to the ministers, and agents of the church in behalf of the circulation of the periodical and its finances, we are also authorised to solicit the kind assistance of the friends of our cause, in the way of occasional contributions to the pages of the journal. In this view of the subject short papers of a pointed and practical kind, descriptive sketches, biographical, historical, and missionary notices, especially those of local interest, suitable suggestions for the general good of the church and of the province, will always be acceptable. Nor will any hints be disregarded that bear a friendly aspect on the substantial improvement of the Record. As the Church extends her bounds, and enlarges her membership, she may be provided with additional channels of communication with the public. But at present every consideration of duty and expediency calls for one united effort to render her Monthly Record still more acceptable to all that take an interest in the progress of the Evangelical truth whether in our or in other churches.