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THE VANITY OF MAN'S DESIRES.

"ALL IS VANITY."

A good that never satisfies the mind ;
 A beauty fading like the April flowers ;
 A sweet, with floods of gall that runs combined ;
 A pleasure passing ere in thought made ours ;
 An honour that more sickle is than wind ;
 A glory at opinion's frown that lowers ;
 A treasury which bankrupt time devours ;
 A knowledge than grave ignorance more blind ;
 A vain delight our equals to command ;
 A style of gleams, in effect a dream ;
 A wailing thought of holing sea and land ;
 A servile lot, decked with pompous name ;
 Are the strange ends we toil for here below,
 Till wisest death makes us our errors know.

WILLIAM DRUMMOND. 1555-1649.

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

The next meeting of Presbytery is appointed to be held at Westwood, on the last Tuesday in August, (29th,) at 11 o'clock, A. M.

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

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held in Toronto, on the first Wednesday of September, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

T. WRIGHTMAN, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

The Presbytery of Brockville will hold its next ordinary meeting in Prescott, on the first Tuesday of August next, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

JOHN McMURRAY, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF PERTH.

The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery will be held at Bytown, on the evening of the second Tuesday in September.

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

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The next ordinary meeting of the Presbytery of London, will be held at London, on the second Wednesday of August, at ten o'clock, A. M.

JOHN SCOTT, *Pres. Clerk.*

SYNODICAL COLLECTIONS FOR THE YEAR,

1. For the French Canadian Missionary Society, on the 3rd Sabbath of July.
2. For the Baxton 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 COBOURG.

The Presbytery of Cobourg met in Saint Andrew's Church on the 13th June. A greater amount of business was transacted than usual, but principally of a local interest. The commissions of several elders, appointed by their respective sessions to attend Presbytery and Synod, were presented and the elders' names enrolled.

Thereafter Mr. Sanders appeared as a representative from the congregation of North Cavan, formerly under the pastoral charge of Rev J. M. Roger. Mr. Sanderson laid on the table of the Presbytery a call, unanimously signed by the congregation, inviting Rev. W. Blain to become their pastor, and promising £120 annually for his support. The Presbytery sustained the call, and presented it to Mr. Blain for his acceptance. Mr. Blain stated that he believed the call was from God, and, therefore, saw it his duty to accept. The Presbytery then appointed Mr. Blain's ordination to take place at Cavan on the first Tuesday of July, at eleven o'clock, A. M. Mr. Blain has been laboring in Cavan since April.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of Presbytery to obtain information and prepare a report on the state of religion, presented their report. The report was read by Mr. McKenzie, and afterwards sustained, and the Presbytery resolved to transmit it to the Synod to meet at Toronto. The attention of the Court was called to the state of the civil law regarding the registration of births, marriages and deaths. Mr. McKenzie was appointed to prepare an Overture to the Synod on the subject.

The Presbytery renewed their injunction to all the Sessions whose records have not been examined within the last year to present them for examination at the next regular meeting of the Court.

The Presbytery expect the records of Sessions to be presented at their meeting in Westwood, on the last Tuesday in August.

The Clerk was directed to instruct the Treasurer of the Presbyterian Home Mission, to pay to Rev. W. Read the sum of £4 15s, that being the portion of the salary of the late Rev. A. Gale, as Superintendent of Missions, that falls upon this Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Cobourg met in Peterboro' on Monday, 3rd July, and was constituted.

The Presbytery proceeded to hear Mr. Blain's discourse previous to his ordination at Cavan. Having heard and sustained the discourse, the Court adjourned till to-morrow at eleven o'clock, when they meet at Cavan for Mr. Blain's ordination.

The Presbytery met at Cavan by adjournment, and after the ordination services (an account of which is given in another column), proceeded with the other business.

The following appointments were then made, viz:—

Rev. W. J. McKenzie to preach at Trenton and Murray, on Sabbath, 16th July.

Rev. Mr. Blain to preach at Warsaw on Tuesday, 11th July.

Rev. D. McAleese, at Warsaw, on Sabbath, 23rd July.

Rev. R. Boag, at Percy and Alnwick, on Sabbath, 30th July.

Rev. H. Andrews, at Alnwick, on 2nd Sabbath of August, at 5 o'clock P. M., and at Percy on the following Monday evening.

The Clerk was directed to make application to the Convener of H. M. Committee for another missionary.

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

INDUCTION AT NORTH CAVAN.

At North Cavan, on Tuesday the 4th current, the Presbytery of Cobourg met according to appointment, for the purpose of ordaining, and inducting to the pastoral charge of North Cavan, Mr. William Blain, preacher of the gospel.

At an early hour, and long before the time appointed, the church was crowded. The solemn services were commenced by the Moderator, the Rev. D. M. McAleese, of Norwood, with praise, and prayer. The Rev. Robert Boag, of Cartwright, read the Scriptures, and preached an excellent and appropriate sermon from Acts x. 33, last clause of the verse, "Now therefore are we all here present before God to hear all things that are commanded thee of God."

The Moderator then gave the narrative and requested the people to signify whether they adhered to the call, which they had tendered to Mr. Blain to become their pastor, when they unanimously testified their cordial adherence thereto.