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## THE KNELL OF TIME.

Heard you that knell? It was the knell of Time!  
 And is time dead? I thought Time never died!  
 I knew him old, 'tis true, and full of years;  
 And he was bald, except in front—but he  
 Was strong as Hercules. I saw him grasp  
 The oak—it fell; the tower—it crumbled; the  
 stone,  
 The sculptured monument, that mark the grave  
 Of fallen greatness, cease their pompous strain  
 As Time came by. Yes, Time was very strong;  
 And I had thought too strong for death to  
 grapple.  
 But I remember now his step was light,  
 And though he moved at rapid rate, or trod  
 On adamant, his tread was never heard.  
 And there was something ghostly in the thought,  
 That in the silence of the midnight hour  
 He trod my chamber, and I heard him not.  
 And I have held my breath, and listened close  
 To catch one footfall, as he glided by;  
 But naught awoke the echo slumbering there.  
 And the thought struck me, then, that one whose  
 step  
 Was so much like a spirit's tread; whose acts  
 Were all so noiseless, like the world unseen,  
 Would soon be fit for other worlds than this,  
 Fit for high converse with immortal minds,  
 Unfettered by the flesh, unchained to earth.

## PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The Presbytery of Toronto will meet in the Library of Knox's College, on Wednesday, the 14th April, at noon.

T. WIGHTMAN, *Pres. Clerk.*

## PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The next ordinary meeting will take place at Hamilton, on the second Tuesday of April next, at three o'clock, p. m., and it is enjoined that the Session Records of Congregations be sent in to the Clerk, on or before that day.

M. Y. STARK, *Pres. Clerk.*

## KNOX'S COLLEGE.

*Close of the Session, 1851-52.*

The closing class examinations, with review of the work of the Session, will commence on the 5th inst. The formal closing exercises on the occasion, will take place on Wednesday the 14th, commencing at 11 o'clock. The friends of the Institution generally are respectfully invited to attend.

## KNOX'S COLLEGE.

The Committee of Knox's College will meet in the Library of the Institution, on Tuesday, the 13th April, at Twelve o'clock, noon. A full attendance of members is earnestly requested.

The following members compose the Committee, viz., The Moderator of Synod, Mr. McKenzie, Zorra, Mr. Roger, Mr. Wardrope, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Starke, Mr. Gale, Mr. Young and Mr. Bayne, ministers; and Mr. John Fraser, Mr. Davidson, Hon. Mr. Cameron, Hon. Mr. McDonald, Dr. Dickson, Mr. Burns, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Redpath, Mr. McMurrich, Mr. James Shaw, and Mr. Spreull, together with the Professors, Dr. Willis, Convener.

ALEX. GALE, *Secretary.*

## LIBRARY OF KNOX'S COLLEGE.

Ministers, Students, and others, who have Books from the Library of Knox's College, are respectfully requested to return them as soon as possible. Those who cannot conveniently do so, are requested to send, immediately, accurate lists of the books which they have in their hands; as circumstances render it necessary that the exact state of the Library be ascertained before the close of the College session in the middle of April.

JAMES BLACK, *Librarian.*

## HOME MISSION COMMITTEE OF THE SYNOD.

The half-yearly meeting of this Committee, will be held in Knox's College (D. V.), on Tuesday, the 13th of April, inst., at Seven o'clock, P. M. As the distribution of Missionaries for the ensuing half year takes place at this meeting, it is requested that there be a full attendance of members, and that Presbyteries forward, along with their claims for missionaries, such statements respecting the several missionary fields, as may afford the Committee adequate data to guide them in the distribution. The collection for the Synod Fund having, so far as yet appears, fallen far short of the amount required, the Home Mission Committee will also, on this occasion, have to provide for the support of the Mission at Buxton, under the Rev. Mr. King, according to the minute of Synod.

*Committee*—The Moderator, Mr. Young, Mr. Cheyne, Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Mr. Gale, Mr. Ure, Mr. Lowry, Mr. J. M. Roger, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Smith, Mr. Gregg, Mr. R. F. Burns, Mr. McMurray, Mr. Gray, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Wardrope, Mr. Black, Mr. Donald McKenzie, Mr.

Scott, ministers; and Mr. Davidson, Mr. Fisher, Mr. McMurrich, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Brodie, Dr. Dickson, Mr. K. Smith, Dr. Edmondson, Dr. MacLagan, Mr. Redpath, Mr. McLellan, elders.

ALEX. GALE, *Convener.*

## SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Synod's Committee on the above, will meet (D.V.) on Friday, 30th April, in Kingston, at ten o'clock, a. m.

*Committee*—Robt. F. Burns, Convener; Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Mr. Gale, Mr. McGregor, Mr. Gordon, Mr. McMurray, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Reid, Ministers; Dr. Dickson, Mr. Redpath, Mr. J. Shaw, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Keith, Mr. Gibson, Elders.

## PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The ordinary quarterly meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto, on the 3rd of March, was attended by seven ministers, and only one elder.—The following is a brief notice of the principal business before the court:—

A very urgent application for supply was made by Messrs. D. Agnew and J. McMillan, deputies from the congregation in Nassagaweya—the people agreeing to pay the salary quarterly. In that township, the people adhering to our Church, are represented as amounting to upwards of eighty families.

The Presbytery agreed to grant supply once a fortnight, till the close of the college session, and appointed the Rev. Mr. Nisbet to spend a few days in visiting the families, and report the state of the congregation to next meeting of Presbytery.

A letter from the Rev. Joseph Alexander, signifying his acceptance of the call from Union and Norval churches, was read. The Presbytery acquiesced in the letter of acceptance, and being satisfied with the steps thus far taken in this matter, appointed Mr. Alexander's induction to take place at Union Church, on Wednesday, the 21st of April, at two o'clock, p. m.—a sermon to be preached at Norval the same day, at eleven.—Dr. Willis, Messrs. McLachlan and Holmes, to conduct the services.

Mr. Harris was appointed to preach at both places, and serve the edict on the first Sabbath of April.

In reference to the missionary meetings within the bounds, Dr. Burns reported successful progress through a considerable part of the Presbytery.

The brethren present reported that contributions in support of Knox's College, were either in progress of being taken up, or in immediate prospect.

Mr. Gray, on behalf of the Gaelic population in Oro, applied for a laborer during the ensuing summer. The Presbytery agreed to apply to the Home Mission Committee, next month, for a catechist or missionary having Gaelic, to labor in Oro and Marsa.

The consideration of the draft of the explanatory note on the standards was taken up, and,