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Notices.

COLLECTION FOR THE FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE FREE CHURCH.

By appointment of Synod, this Collection, the fourth and last for the Synodical year, will be taken up in all the Congregations and Mission Stations of the Church, on the third Sabbath in May. Ministers and Catechists supplying the various congregations and preaching stations, will cause due notice to be given.

The Free Church of Scotland has in India and Africa, thirty-seven European, and fifty-seven native Missionaries and Agents, including converted Hindoos, Abyssinians, Mohammedans, and others, with about 6000 children, in connection with their Missionary Institutions.

The Jewish Mission also occupies a prominent place.

JOHN RAMPART, Esq., Terrace Bank, Montreal, is the Treasurer to the Fund, to whom all contributions should be sent. For the accommodation of those who can more conveniently communicate with Toronto, Mr. Burns will be happy to receive collections.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

A meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto will be held in the Library of Knox's College, Toronto, on the 16th April, at 12 o'clock, noon.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The Presbytery of Hamilton will meet at Hamilton, in Knox's Church there, on Wednesday the 8th day of May, at 11 o'clock, forenoon, and it is enjoined on the Ministers of the Presbytery, to see that the Session Records of their congregations are made up and forwarded to the Presbytery at that meeting.

M. Y. STARR, Pres. Clerk.

SYNOD'S HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Synod's Home Mission Committee, will be held at Toronto, (D. V.) on Tuesday the 16th April, at six o'clock, P. M., when the Missionaries and Catechists at their disposal will be distributed for the summer half-year. Clerks of Presbyteries are requested to send to the Convener, applications for missionaries, not later than ten days previous to said meeting. At the same time they are specially requested to communicate such statistical information as may furnish materials for a General Report to the Synod. Please specify the number of stations within the bounds of the Presbytery, and the number of persons connected with each, as far as can be ascertained—the amount of missionary services supplied to these stations—whether religious services are conducted at the stations in the absence of a missionary, and what is the attendance on such occasions—what are the apparent fruits from the labours of the missionaries—what funds have been collected within the bounds of the Presbytery for the Presbytery's Home Mission—and how have they been applied—are there any localities within the bounds of the Presbytery where it would be desirable to open new stations? Mention any other particulars that would be generally interesting to the Church.

Last year the Report to the Synod was very imperfect, in consequence of several of the Presbyteries not furnishing the necessary information. It is hoped that all of them will attend to this duty for the current year.

It is further requested that those Congregations and Stations that have not yet made the Collection for the Synod's Home Mission Fund, will do so at their earliest convenience, and send the proceeds to the Treasurer, Mr. D. McLellan, Bookseller, Hamilton, in order that a full statement of the income may be submitted to the Committee at its next meeting.

RALPH ROSS, Convener.

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS.

Presbytery Clerks are hereby notified that answers to the queries at page 152, of the fifth vol. of the Record, are required to be filled up to the 30th inst., and transmitted as soon thereafter as possible to the Agency Office, in order that the General Statistical Table may be completed for the Synod. Congregations will please send in their reports to the Presbytery Clerks.

Agency Office, } J. BURNS.
April 1, 1850. }

Mr. Burns, acting Clerk of the Presbytery of Toronto, requests that the statistical returns from all the congregations and mission stations within the Presbytery, be transmitted to him early in May.

Poetry.

The following poem, sent to us by a friend, has no little interest attached to it, from the fact of its having been composed by the inmate of a Lunatic Asylum:—

THE DEATH OF MOSES.

Deut. chap. xxxiv.

To Pisgah's height, midst Nebo's hills;
Where gushing fountains feed the rills
Which course the plains of Jericho,
And water where the palm trees grow,—
'To get a look, the last and first,
Of that rich land, which now had burst
Upon his loving gaze—the Seer,
About to close his long career,
With eye undimmed, and prime day strength;
By God's command, repairs at length;
'Tho' distant, can he yet descry
Dan, Gilead and Naphtali,
And Benjamin and Ephraim,
And Judah, never reached by him,
And Zoar and the South. "This land
I Abraham gave to understand
Was his and his posterity's"—
This Moses hears and dies.
Twice sixty years had passed him o'er,
Thro' grief and pain, and want and gore,
And he a faithful servant was—
But where his sepulchre he has—
Save that he died on Nebo's hill,
Was then, and is a mystery still.
The Lord composed his limbs in death,
From whom at first he had his breath—
Save that upon that hill he died,
To find it has in vain been tried;
For God, from whom he had his breath,
Himself composed his limbs in death.

P. R.