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WHERE REST MAY BE FOUND.

Tell me, ye winged winds,
That round my pathway roar,
Do you not know some spot,
Where mortals weep no more?
Some lone and pleasant dell,
Some valley in the West,
Where, free from toil and pain,
The weary soul may rest?
The loud winds softened in a whisper low
And sighed for pity, as they answered—"No!"

Tell me, thou mighty deep,
Whose billows round me play,
Know'st thou some favoured spot,
Some island far away,
Where wretched man may find
The bliss for which he sighs?
Where sorrow never lives,
And friendship never dies?
The wild wave rolling in perpetual flow,
Stopped for a while, and answered—"No!"

And thou, serenest moon,
That with such holy face,
Dost look upon the earth,
Asleep in night's embrace—
Tell me, in all thy rounds,
Hast thou not seen some spot,
Where miserable man
Might find a happier lot?
Behind a cloud the moon withdrew in woe,
And a voice sweet, but sad, responded—"No!"

Tell me, my secret soul,
O! tell me, Hope and Faith,
Is there no resting place
From sorrow, sin, and death?
Is there no happy spot,
Where mortals may be bless'd,
Where grief may find a balm,
And weariness a rest?
Faith, Hope, and Love, best boons to mortals given,
Waved their bright wings, and whispered—"Yes, in Heaven!" —*Presbyterian.*

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This Committee will meet in the Vestry of the Free Church, Cote Street, Montreal, on Tuesday, 26th September, at 10 o'clock, a. m. Members unable to attend are requested to communicate their suggestions by letter.

The following constitute the committee:—Dr. Burns, Dr. Bayne, Messrs. W. B. Clark, Young, Reid, Inghs, Scott, and Fraser, Ministers. Messrs. Redpath, Court, Richardson, McMurrich, and Shaw, Elders.

D. FRASER, *Convener.*

SYNOICAL COLLECTIONS FOR THE YEAR,

1. For the French Canadian Missionary Society, on the 3rd Sabbath of July.
2. For the Buxton 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 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. WIGHTMAN, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery is appointed to be held at Belleville, on the last Wednesday of September, at 9 o'clock, a. m.

W. GREGG, *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 HAMILTON.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held at Hamilton, on the second Tuesday of October, at 3 o'clock, p. m.

M. Y. STARR, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

The Presbytery of Brockville will hold its next ordinary meeting in Spencerville, on the first Tuesday of November next, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

JOHN McMURRAY, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

This Presbytery met at Vankleek Hill on the 2nd August—Mr. Henry, of Lachute, Moderator *pro tem.*

The morning sederunt was entirely occupied in hearing and deciding a reference from the Kirk Session at Vankleek Hill. It appeared that a spirit of strife had been kindled by the circulation of printed papers, containing an unfortunate and unbecoming correspondence between two ministers who had formerly labored in the District. The Presbytery, in their deliverance, strongly condemned the correspondence, and exhorted those who have such papers in possession to destroy them—found that the charges alleged against the Kirk Session are not proven—and earnestly counselled the disuse of hard language, and the cultivation of Christian love.

The investigation and decision of the Presbytery appeared to be attended with a happy result. At the close of the sederunt Mr. Fraser of Montreal was appointed to preach. The church was speedily filled. Mr. Gordon of Indian Lands conducted the devotional exercises—after which Mr. Fraser preached from Eph. ii. 5. "By grace ye are saved."

At the evening sederunt, a variety of important business was transacted.

A call from the congregation at Cornwall to Mr. Hugh Campbell, probationer, was sustained, and accepted. Trials for ordination were prescribed. It was agreed to meet at Cornwall in the month of September, and, if satisfied with the trials, and also with the financial arrangements of the congregation, to proceed with the ordination—Mr. Clarke of Quebec to preach and preside.

The Presbytery took into consideration the condition of the four vacant congregations in the county of Beauharnois. English River proposes to call Mr. John Milne, probationer. Durham and St. Louis de Gonzague propose to call Mr. Robert McArthur, probationer. North Georgetown seems to be dissatisfied with the recent arrangements, by which it has been disjoined from Durham and combined with English River. It was unanimously agreed to appoint Mr. Fraser of Montreal to visit those localities before next ordinary meeting—granting him full and entire powers to make whatever arrangements he may find most conducive to the general good, and, if he see fit, to moderate in two calls, so as to secure the permanent services to those congregations of both the probationers named.

In compliance with a petition from the inhabitants of Port Neuf, Mr. Clark of Quebec was appointed to organize them as a congregation, and to dispense the Lord's Supper.

Mr. John Anderson, student, passed his trials for license, with satisfaction. Having answered the questions of the formula, Mr. Anderson was—after solemn prayer, and an appropriate address by the Moderator—July licensed to preach the Gospel within the bounds.

A deputation from the congregations of Lancaster and Dalhousie Mills immediately applied