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POETRY.

"Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and holdest
me for thine enemy."—Job 13: 24.

Why dost thou shado thy face? O why
Does that eclipsing hand so long deny
The sunshine of thy soul-enlivening eye?

Without that light, what light remains in me?
Thou art my life, my way, my light; in thee
I live, I move, and by thy means I see.

Thou art my life; if thou but turn away,
My life's a thousand deaths; thou art my way,
Without thee, Lord, I travel not, but stray.

My light thou art, without thy glorious sight,
Mine eyes are darken'd with perpetual night,
My God, thou art my way, my life, my light

Mine eyes are blind and dark, I cannot see;
To whom, or whither should my darkness flee,
But to the light? and who's that light but thee.

My path is lost, my wand'ring steps do stray,
I cannot safely go, nor safely stay,
Whom should I seek but thee, my path, my way.

O, I am dead! to whom shall I, poor I,
Repair? to whom shall my sad ashes fly
For life? And where is life, but in thine eye?

And yet thou turn'st away thy face, and fly'st me;
And yet I sue for grace, and thou deny'st me,
Speak, art thou angry, Lord, or only try'st me?
Disclose thy sunbeams, close thy wings and stay;
See, see how I am blind, and dead, and stray,
O! thou that art my life, my light, my way

QUARLES.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

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

The Session Records of the various congrega-
tions will then be called for, in order that they
may be examined by the Presbytery.

T. WIGHTMAN, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF PERTH.

An adjourned meeting of this Presbytery will
be held in the city of Ottawa, on the second
Tuesday of March, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

S. C. FRASER, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery
will be held at Spencerville, on the first Tuesday
of May, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

JOHN McMURRAY, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

The next meeting is appointed to be held at
Cobourg, on Tuesday, 6th March, at 12 o'clock
noon.

JOHN SCOTT, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The next meeting of this Presbytery will be
held in Hamilton, on the second Tuesday of
April, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

M. Y. STARK, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

This Court held its ordinary quarterly meeting
on the 31st January, and an adjourned meeting
on the 8th February. The principal items of
business transacted were as follows:—

A call from the McNab Street Congregation,
Hamilton, to Mr. Inglis, of St. Gabriel Street
Church, was produced, with other documents in
due form. Those concerned having been duly
cited, parties appeared, and were heard at much
length. Mr. R. Hopkins, on behalf of the con-
gregation in Hamilton, pleaded for the translation.
Messrs. McCallum, Moore, and Sculthorp
strongly opposed it, on behalf of the Session,
Deacons' Court, and Congregation of St. Gabriel
Street Church. Mr. Inglis stated to the Presby-
tery, on the 31st January, reasons which have
led him to feel it is duty, favourably to entertain
the present call, and adhered to the statement at
the adjourned meeting.

Parties having been removed, the Presbytery
proceeded to deliberate. It was moved by Mr.

Milne, seconded by Mr. Brown, "that this trans-
lation be not granted," which motion, being
put, was lost on a division. After long and anx-
ious consultation, it was moved by Mr. Fraser,
seconded by Mr. Scott, and unanimously carried,
"that, in consideration of the complicated diffi-
culties of this case, and in view of the fact, that
no decision can at present be given, in which all
parties will acquiesce, further consideration be
postponed till next ordinary meeting of this Pres-
bytery, on the 16th of May."

A complaint against the Kirk Session of Ling-
wick was lodged by a number of that congrega-
tion. Messrs. Clark and McConechy, Ministers,
and Mr. John McLeod, Elder, were appointed a
Commissioner to visit Lingwick, to hear evi-
dence, and do justice in the case.

Having heard statements in regard to the con-
dition of the congregation of St. Sylvester, the
Presbytery appointed Messrs. Clark and Fraser,
Ministers, to visit that congregation, and report
to next ordinary meeting.

A petition was presented and read, from Pres-
byterian inhabitants of Longueil and its vicinity,
praying for some supply of ordinances. The
Presbytery regretted that they could not grant
any immediate supply, but promised to keep the
petitioners in view.

A petition from Laguerre and Dundee craved
the appointment of the Rev. John Crombie, as
Missionary for twelve months. The Presbytery
pledged themselves no farther, than that, so long
as they can in consistency with other claims,
they will meet in this matter the wishes of the
petitioners.

A petition from Gaelic speaking inhabitants at
Richmond and neighboring stations, craved the
Presbytery to provide a Minister able to preach
in the Gaelic language. Present action in this
matter being impracticable, the petition was
ordered to lie on the table.

The deliverance of the Synod on the subject
of ministerial support, was brought under the
notice of the Presbytery. It was moved by Mr.
Fraser, seconded by Mr. Gordon, and resolved,
"that a Financial Board be constituted in Mon-
treal, to be appointed yearly by the Presbytery,
with a view to obtain frequent and regular re-
turns from Deacons' Courts, correspond with
those that may be in default, and present a
digested statistical report to the Presbytery."

The following gentlemen were appointed to con-
stitute the Board—Messrs. Davidson, Court,
Moir, Lamplough, Plimmsoll, and Lowson; D.
Davidson, Esq., to be convener.

Kirk Sessions were enjoined to produce their
Records for revision at next ordinary meeting.

Mr. Fraser requested to be relieved of the
Presbytery Clerkship. On motion made and se-
conded, it was resolved not to accept the resi-
gnation, but in order to lighten the duties devolv-
ing on Mr. Fraser, appoint Mr. Campbell, of
Cornwall, Co-Clerk, with special charge of
the Records.

With a view to insure a full attendance at
next ordinary meeting, it was appointed to be
held on the third Wednesday, instead of the first
Wednesday, of May.