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HEAVENLY HUSBANDRY.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit."

Oh, if I am a branch
Of the blest Saviour's vine,
And on his quickening life depend
For health and fruit divine.

Let me not start or shrink,
In wild, despairing grief,
Though the sharp pruning-knife remove
The too redundant leaf;

Or the unsightly shoot
Spare not to shred away,
Or lop the excrescent wood that tends
To weakness and decay.

Should prejudice or pride
Deform the vigorous tree,
Or dark idolatry intrude
Between my God and me,

The lacerating steel
The unerring Hand must wield;
And to its ministry severe
In tearful trust I yield.

Hartford, N. o. 15, 1852.

KNOX'S COLLEGE FUND.

Congregations are respectfully reminded that the time has again arrived for taking up the annual collection. It is expected that Presbyteries will take the necessary steps for having its claims presented without delay, to enable the Treasurer to meet the liabilities.

JOHN BURNS, Treasurer.

Knox's College, }
Jan. 1, 1853. }

Synodical Collections for the Current Year.

1. For French Canadian Missionary Society, 3rd Sabbath in July.
2. Buxton Mission and Synod Fund, 3rd Sabbath in October
3. Foreign Missions of the Free Church, 3rd Sabbath in January.
4. Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, 3rd Sabbath in April.

MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.

The Treasurer begs to call the attention of ministers, whose rates to the Fund are in arrears, to the first and second regulations adopted by the Synod, on the 11th June, 1852. See Minutes, p. 14, or Record for July last, p. 132.

Notices of arrears and rates falling due on the 1st November, were transmitted through the Post Office in the month of October.

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Conveners request, that in future, all letters be addressed to the Secretary, John Burns, Esq., Knox's College, Toronto. The Rev. Alex. Gale's address is "Mount Albion," C. W.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

The next meeting of the Presbytery of Kingston is appointed to be held in Belleville on the 12th January, 1853, at 11 o'clock forenoon.

WILLIAM GRIGG, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery is appointed to be held in the Session House of the Coté Street Church, Montreal, on the last Wednesday of January, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

D. FRASER, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The next ordinary meeting of the Presbytery of London, will be held in St. Andrew's Church, London, on the second Wednesday of January, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

JOHN SCOTT, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

An adjourned meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto will be held in Knox's College, on the first Wednesday of January, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

THOMAS WIGHTMAN, Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

The Presbytery of Cobourg will meet in Peterboro', on the last Wednesday of January, 1853. Congregations that have not made their financial reports for the last half year, are requested to do so immediately.

J. W. SMITH, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The Presbytery of Hamilton will meet at Hamilton on the second Tuesday of January, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

M. Y. STARK, Pres. Clerk.

COLLECTION FOR THE JEWISH AND FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

This collection for the current year falls to be made agreeably to the appointment of Synod, on the third Sabbath of this month, being the 23rd.

The attention of the ministers, and other office-bearers, is requested to this announcement, in order that due notice may be given in all the congregations and mission stations.

Although the Missions, on whose behalf the collection is made, are not, in any way, under the control of our Church, yet, reposing the utmost confidence in the management of these Missions by the Free Church of Scotland, to which the Presbyterian Church of Canada is attached by principle, duty, and gratitude, the appeal is made to the Church generally, for such contribution as will manifest their christian liberality, their love to the souls of the perishing heathen, and that their "heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they may be saved." The Jewish missionaries have been expelled from Hungary, but the good work begun through their means is still progressing. At Pesth, the school flourishes beyond all expectation. In September it opened with one hundred and forty-seven new pupils, children of Jewish parents, who declared in writing, their desire to have them educated in the Christian faith. Deducting those who have completed their four years' course, there remain three hundred and seventy, between six and fourteen years of age. Mr. Schwartz writes from Amsterdam, in October, that he has admitted by baptism into the communion of the Church two Jewesses, and that the prospects of the Mission are encouraging. On the 25th October, a very destructive fire desolated the Jewish quarter of Constantinople, in which the German school is situated. The building was provisionally saved, but the poor Jews are homeless, and claim assistance. This disaster may seriously affect the mission, by scattering the people.

An almost incredible change is passing over society in the various fields of missionary labor. At Calcutta, seven baptisms took place in a single week; at Bombay, three; at Puna, two. At Madras, Mr. Anderson writes, "six souls have been hopefully added to our little band."

The Free Church has in India, five European missionaries at Calcutta, two at Chinsurah, near Calcutta, also three native preachers. Three European and three native missionaries at Madras. The same at Bombay. Three Europeans and one converted Mohammedan at Puna. And two Europeans at Nagpore.

Besides these, there are Missionaries in other parts of the world, supported by the Free Church of Scotland, who are doing a noble work in spreading the truth as it is in Jesus. Not only is the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us," uttered by the Missionaries engaged in the service, but in many places an increasing desire for the truth is manifested, and new fields are opened up for the exercise of Christian benevolence and pious effort.