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### The Record.

A meeting of the Sustentation Board of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, will be held at Hamilton, on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> inst., at 4 o'clock, P. M., to make arrangements for carrying into effect the instructions of the Synod respecting the visitation of congregations, and other urgent business.

JAMES WALKER, *Secretary.*

A meeting of the College Committee will be held in the Divinity Hall, Adelaide Street, Toronto, on Tuesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> instant, at 12 o'clock noon.

Wm. RINTOUL, *Concener.*

A meeting of the Synod's standing committee on accounts will be held in the Divinity Hall, Adelaide Street, Toronto, on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> instant, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

JOHN BURNS, *Concener.*

The next Ordinary meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto, will be held in Knox's Church, Toronto, on Wednesday, the 8<sup>th</sup> inst., at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Wm. RINTOUL, *Clerk.*

The next Ordinary meeting of the Presbytery of Hamilton, will be held in Knox's Church, Hamilton, on Wednesday, the 8<sup>th</sup> instant, at 12 o'clock, noon.

M. Y. STARK, *Clerk.*

A meeting of the committee superintending the printing of the *Ecclesiastical and Missionary Record*, will be held at Hamilton, on the 8<sup>th</sup> instant, on the close of the business of the Presbytery.

ALEX. GALE, *Concener.*

**AGENCY IN TORONTO FOR THE CHEAP PUBLICATIONS OF THE FREE CHURCH.**—Mr. WESTLAND, who is well known in the Synod as an intelligent and zealous Elder, was appointed by the Presbytery of Toronto, Agent for this Scheme. Mr. W. we are happy to know, has imported a large number of the *Cheap Publications*, in addition to those which have been subscribed for.

He has also fairly embarked in the Bookselling business, particularly the department of Religious Publications. Many valuable books will be found on his shelves, from such publishers as Carter, of New-York, and Middleton, of Dundee, Scotland. And, before this notice be read by the readers of the *Record*, he expects an extensive supply of Bibles and Testaments, Confessions of Faith, and Catechisms: in all forms for binding.

The Religious Bookseller is so much the Auxiliary of the Christian Ministry that no apology is required for our acquainting our readers with the existence of such establishments, as that of Mr. WESTLAND, in Toronto, and Mr. McLELLAN, in Hamilton.

This Number of the *Record* completes the second year of the publication; and we have first of all to request, on behalf of the publisher, that all

arrears be transmitted to him by subscribers, without delay. We understand from him that a considerable sum is still due, and beg once more to say, that the price at which the *Record* is furnished, renders sad and regular payment indispensable. We trust that our readers will give prompt and cheerful attention to this.

We receive not a few complaints of the irregularity with which the *Record* reaches subscribers—cases often occurring in which it does not reach at all. We know not well where the fault of this lies: but we have no reason to think that it rests with the publisher, whose accuracy is well known to us, and whose gratuitous services are most faithfully given to his department. We would suggest strict enquiry at Post Offices, in cases of irregularity. Complaints are oftentimes made to us with respect to the irregularity of the time of publication. For several months past, the *Record* has issued not later than from the first to the third of each month, and the committee it is hoped will be able to make such arrangements as will secure not only perfect punctuality in this respect, during the ensuing year, but also, greater attention to the correction of the Press and the selection of matter. The whole duty has hitherto been devolved on one individual, who has cheerfully performed it to the best of his ability, in the midst of many other important engagements, having a prior claim on his attention; but he has occasionally found it impracticable to attain the punctuality in this matter which is desirable. Arrangements, it is confidently expected, will be immediately made to divide the labour and to remedy the evil in question.

We trust that the Ministers and Elders and other friends of the Church will exert themselves, at the commencement of this third year of the *Record*, to extend the circulation. We have good reason to think that if an effort were made, the circulation of it, although already great, might be at once doubled. It has been and will continue to be the object of those entrusted with the publication to make it the channel of communicating important and interesting and useful intelligence respecting not only our own Church, but the Church of Christ, throughout the world. We feel that we have a right to look for active assistance in promoting this object. Distinct instructions ought to be transmitted to the publisher, without delay, as to the number, names, and addresses of additional subscribers, and of such as may wish to discontinue their subscriptions. We would further request that Ministers and others in the various sections of the country, will furnish us from time to time with such pieces of intelligence as may be interesting and edifying to the Church.

We would direct the attention of our readers to the summary of the Synod's proceedings, contained in the present number. It has been drawn up very hastily, in the midst of other pressing duties; but in all important particulars it will be found correct, and will be useful for the guidance of parties, as well as for the information of the Church, in the meantime, until the Clerk's abstract is pub-

lished and circulated. We hoped to have been able to issue it earlier than this; but have only recently been supplied with the notes necessary for its preparation. Our first intention was to have embodied in the summary such remarks as might have seemed suitable on the more important subjects discussed in the Synod; but want of leisure has prevented us from accomplishing this: and we now find our space fully occupied. We shall take occasion afterwards to direct attention to some of those subjects, and to give farther information respecting them. The College and other Reports will be given as fully as our limited columns will permit in future numbers, and we think we shall most satisfactorily fulfil the intention of the Synod, in giving the Reports of the several Presbyteries on Home Missions, as nearly entire as we can. Those submitted to the Synod by the Presbyteries of Toronto and Kingston are given in this number, and they will be found well worthy of our readers' attention, as affording a distinct and accurate view of religious destitution still prevalent in many parts of the land; especially among Presbyterians.

Some interesting portions of the proceedings of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, will be found in this number. We would especially direct attention to their deliverance, on the report of their Colonial Committee. From it our readers will obtain fresh evidence of the deep and affectionate interest and the purposes of large and generous and well-directed aid, in the promotion of the cause of Christ in this Colony, which are cherished by our fathers and brethren in Scotland. We sincerely regret that we cannot find room for the admirable addresses of Messrs. Begg, Somerville and McNaughton, on this subject. Our first impression on reading some portions of Mr. Begg's speech was, that his graphic sketches of Winter, and Winter travelling, would tend to damp the courage of young Missionaries, otherwise inclined to listen to our Macedonian cry, and to come over and help us. On farther reflection, however, we are able to cherish a confident belief that no such unfavourable effect will be produced; and that realizing to themselves the far more appalling evils to which multitudes of their countrymen in these lands are exposed for want of the Gospel, they will only be prompted the more fully to brave external and physical difficulties in coming to their relief, with the heavenly message of peace. At the same time it must not be understood that we give up the question of climate to be decided summarily against us. On the contrary, notwithstanding certain drawbacks incident to the newness of the country, and not to the climate, and which are fast being removed, we are persuaded that the climate of Canada is preferable to that of most parts of Scotland. It is a well known fact, that every one who has spent a few years here finds the change unfavourable, in many respects, on returning home; and many such come back from choice to Canada. We see her moral atmosphere but more effectually pur-