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### PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The Presbytery of Toronto, will meet (D. V.) in the Library of Knox's College, on Wednesday, the 4th inst., at Twelve o'clock, noon.

T. WIGHTMAN, *Clerk.*

### PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The Presbytery of London holds its next ordinary meeting, at London, on the second Wednesday of October, next, at Ten a. m. Students purposing to attend Knox's College are requested to attend for examination, &c., in accordance with the regulation of the College Board.

A. McCOLL, *Pres. Clerk.*

### PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The Presbytery of Hamilton hold their ordinary meeting on the 14th and 15th of August, when the Rev. J. McKinnon, of Sydenham, was elected Moderator for the ensuing twelve months. A committee was appointed to draw out a minute in reference to the sad bereavement, which the Presbytery, congregation at Hamilton, and his afflicted family had suffered by the removal, in the mysterious providence of Almighty God, of their late esteemed and beloved father and brother, the Rev. Ralph Robb, an event which cast a deeply solemnizing feeling over the minds of all the members, and over all the proceedings of the Presbytery. The Presbytery were highly gratified at being informed that the congregation of Knox's Church had voted £50 a year for seven years, till her eldest son shall be of age, to Mrs. Robb and her family, a liberality, shewing a sense of the value of their late pastor's services, highly to their credit.

The quarterly returns given in by ministers of

suspend received, were considered—several were wanting or defective, but it is hoped that this will be remedied in future. The result was, on the whole, found to be favourable. A copy of the Confession of Faith, with the form's engrossed in it, and blank leaves for signature having been procured, the ministers of the Presbytery present signed it.

The report of the Commission of Synod, in the case of Dr. Ferrier, was given in to the Presbytery by the Rev. Mr. McLeod, of Cobourg, declaring Dr. Ferrier to be no longer a minister in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Canada. In accordance with this decision, it became the painful duty of the Presbytery to order the name of Dr. Ferrier to be expunged from the Roll; and the Presbytery appointed the Rev. G. Smellie and the Rev. G. Cheyne, to proceed to Caledonia and the associated stations on Sabbath first, to intimate this decision—to declare the churches vacant, and in accordance with the wishes of the congregation at Caledonia, to open the new church there; and they further appointed myself and Mr. McLeod, elder, to co-operate with them in holding a meeting on the Monday following, to enquire into, and ascertain the circumstances and feelings of the congregations.

Mr. Troup, student, passed through the remainder of his trials for license, with acceptance, and the Presbytery being perfectly satisfied in regard to the views of Mr. John Scott, in reference to the headship of Christ over the nations, and his difficulties in regard to the signing of the Confession of Faith having been removed, and Mr. Troup and Mr. Scott having signed the usual Formula, the Moderator did, by solemn prayer, in the name and by the authority of the Presbytery, license them to preach the gospel within the bounds, and after exhortation, they received the right hand of fellowship from the brethren.

Mr. McGregor was appointed to dispense the Sacrament of the Supper at Woolwich, in the course of the year. Mr. McLean to dispense the same ordinance at Port Dover, before the next ordinary meeting of Presbytery, and Messrs. McKinnon and Smellie at Glen's, and if they shall see fit, to organize the congregation there—Mr. McKinnon was appointed to enquire into the circumstances and religious condition of the settlers at the mouth of the Saugeen, and to report to the Presbytery. Subjects for trial discourses for Mr. Wilson, student, were appointed. The Committee appointed by the Presbytery for the examination of students previous to their return to college, was appointed to meet on the second Wednesday in October, and students within the bounds of the Presbytery, are instructed to meet the committee in Hamilton on that day, at seven o'clock, p. m.

With a view to the recruiting of the Home Mission Fund of the Presbytery, which is in arrears, ministers and missionaries are enjoined to take such steps, by the formation or revival of Missionary Associations, or otherwise as they may see fit, for exciting an increased interest in this most necessary branch of the Church's operations, and for raising the needful funds for its support—It is urgently requested, that contributions may be forwarded to the Treasurer, Daniel McNab, Esq., before the next ordinary meeting of Presbytery, which is appointed to take place on the second Wednesday of October next, at eleven o'clock, A. M. Receipts for moneys paid to missionaries at the several stations, to account of salary, if forwarded to the Treasurer, will be entered to the credit of the stations in his books, as contributions to the Fund.

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

### PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

At the ordinary meeting of the Presbytery of Montreal, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, held in Montreal on Wednesday last, Mr. Robert Swanton, preacher of the gospel, after delivering his trial discourses, and passing through the usual examinations in a very creditable manner, was ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry. Mr. Swanton is to occupy a missionary district, of which Leclerc is the centre. The ordination took place in Coxe Street Church, as St. Gabriel Street Church, in which the Presbytery was to have met, was undergoing repairs.—The Rev. G. Paxton Young, presently supplying in St. John's Church, Quebec, presided on the occasion, and preached an able discourse from John xv. 1. The Rev. Thomas Henry, Moderator, presided in the ordination service. Applications for Missionary service were made from various stations. These were referred to the Mission Committee. And it was recommended to all the ministers within the bounds, to give what occasional aid they can to the different stations in their several neighborhoods, and, if practicable, to devote to this object one Sabbath between this and next ordinary meeting, in accordance with arrangements that may be made by the Committee.

The Presbytery is to hold a special meeting in Cornwall, on the 4th September next, and in Onabruck on the day following, for the ordination of Mr. Quin to the Pastoral charge of the united congregation of the above Townships.

The next ordinary meeting to be held at Montreal, and within St. Gabriel Street Church, on the 6th November, at 12 o'clock, noon. The evening session to be appropriated to a public religious service.