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THE CLOSET.

One precious spot there is on earth ;
 Secluded but not lonely ;
 'Tis there the Christian oft retires,
 To meet with Jesus only.

And while he meets with such a Friend,
 Why should he wish another ?
 For there his soul refreshment finds—
 For there he meets a Brother !

'Tis there the weak, the timid one,
 Sustaining strength may borrow ;
 'Tis there the mourning penitent
 Unburdens all his sorrow.

'Tis there the humbled, broken heart,
 Weeps o'er its lost condition ;
 The bruised, the wounded, leprous soul,
 Finds there the great Physician.

The widow meets an husband there,
 Dispelling all her sadness ;
 And there a Father's "hearing voice"
 Turns orphan grief to gladness.

And what, my soul ! what need you more,
 In life or death to cheer you ?
 Come, "enter in and shut the door,"
 Your Saviour there will hear you.

Then visit oft that precious spot,
 Secluded, but not lonely ;
 Yes, daily thence, withdraw yourself,
 To meet with Jesus only !

—London Evan. Magazine.

Notices.

NOTICES RESPECTING THE MEETING OF SYNOD.

The Synod meets in Kingston on the 4th day of June next, at 11 o'clock, a. m., to be opened with sermon by the Moderator. The Presbytery of Kingston are charged with the arrangements for the meeting, and the dispensation of the Lord's Supper on the Sabbath, as they may see fit.

Presbyteries should see that their several rolls, containing the names of all the charges, or organized congregations, within their bounds, whether provided with ministers or not, are duly prepared and attested by their several clerks.—These rolls should be in the hands of the Clerk of Synod at the opening of the Court.

Reports from Presbyteries are required on the following subjects.—The continuance or discontinuance of a standing commission, (see *printed minutes*, p. 22) ; the sustentation of the ministry, p. 30.

Reports are required from the Committee on the Book of Discipline, see p. 23 ; from the Committee on the Standards, p. 24 ; from the Committee on the Rectories, p. 20.

As the last general collection for the Synodical year, viz., that for the Foreign Missions of the Free Church, falls on Sabbath, the 1st day of June, it may be convenient in some cases to make it on the last Sabbath of May, that the proceeds may be reported at the Synod.

Sessions are reminded that, in cases in which it is inconvenient to send one of their own number, they may be represented in the Synod by elders of other congregations who may have greater facilities for attending.

WM. RISTROT, Synod Clerk.

Montreal, 16th April, 1851.

NOTICE ANENT ACCOMMODATION DURING SYNOD.

Ministers and Elders attending the Synod are particularly requested to call, on their arrival, at the Vestry of *Chalmers Church*, where parties will be in attendance between the hours of seven and nine in the morning, and three and four in the afternoon of Wednesday the 4th, to direct them to those who will use hospitality towards them. Those arriving at a later date, will please give in their names to the Rev. R. F. Burns.

KNOX'S COLLEGE.

The College Committee will meet in the College Library, on Monday, the 2nd June, at 7 o'clock.

ALEX. GALE, Secretary.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The Presbytery met at London on the 14th May. There was a very full attendance of members—both of Ministers and Elders.

As Rev D Allan, Moderator, was unable to attend, Rev Mr Sutherland was called to the Chair.

Our respected and efficient Clerk, Mr. McColl, resigned the Clerkship of the Presbytery, being unable, through ill health, to discharge the duties any longer. The Presbytery recorded their high esteem for Mr McColl, and their sympathy with him in the continued illness of himself and Mrs. McColl. They also recorded a vote of thanks to him for the correct and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of the Clerkship, and reluctantly accepted his resignation. Mr. Ball of Woodstock was chosen Clerk, till the services of some member nearer the seat of Presbytery could be obtained.

The accounts of the Presbytery's Home Mission, showed a balance still in favour of the Presbytery.

A petition was laid on the table from the congregation of South Blenheim, praying the Presbytery to appoint some of their number to preside at an election of elders in the congregation ; whereupon Messrs. McKenzie and Ball, Ministers, were appointed to preside at an election before the next meeting of Presbytery.

Rev John Ross accepted the call from the London Road Congregation, and his ordination trials were appointed for the next meeting of Presbytery.

Mr. Duncan McRuar, student of Knox's College, passed through his preliminary examination, and the Presbytery, being satisfied therewith, agreed to apply to the Synod at its next meeting, for permission to take Mr. McRuar on trials for licence, and instructed the Clerk to give the usual notice to Clerks of Presbyteries.

The Rev. Mr. King, probationer of the Free Church of Scotland, having passed through a highly satisfactory trial, and having answered the usual questions, was solemnly ordained to the work of the Ministry, by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery. Mr. King then received the right hand of fellowship from the members of Presbytery, and was addressed very suitably and feelingly by Rev. D. McKenzie, on the subject of the ministry generally, and then more specially in reference to his duties as a Minister in the Buxton station, where Mr. King has the satisfaction of labouring in a field emphatically of his own planting, among those who have fled from the inhuman and cruel bondage of a land of professed liberty, to enjoy the blessings