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MEETINGS OF SYNODS.

The Synod of Canada meets in St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, on the last Wednesday in May, being the 28th of the month.

The Synod of Nova Scotia meets at Pictou on the first Thursday of July, being the 3rd of the month.

The Synod of New Brunswick meets at Chatham, Miramichi, on the third Thursday of August, being the 21st of the month.

SUBSCRIPTIONS ON ACCOUNT OF THE BUILDING FUND OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

Kingston, 17th March, 1855.

JOHN PATON, Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

COLLECTIONS FOR MISSIONS.

The following congregations of the Synod of Canada, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, have made collections or Jewish and Foreign Missions, viz.,—

Per sterling bill for £46, 6s. 10, £56 7

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CONGREGATION OF WILLIAMS, C. W. PRESENTATION.

The congregation of the Church of Scotland in Williams met in the Church on Thursday, the 6th March, to present a testimonial of their affection and esteem to their Pastor, the Rev. Robert Stevenson.

The occasion of presenting a testimonial to a Spiritual Guide, always interesting, was on this occasion rendered the more so from the recent altered circumstances of the congregation. A retrospective glance which forced itself on the attention of many present, carrying them back to a time only a very few months bygone, brought up to view that same congregation assembled together to take steps deemed necessary to their very existence as a congregation, steps calculated to put an end to their spiritual destitution,-a destitution extending over nearly 12 years, and marked by the circumstance that, for the ten months prior to their then meeting, no voice resounded from the pulpit with the glad tidings of the Gospel.

David Cluness, Esq., who presided on the occasion, read the following Address:—

To the Rev. Robert Stevenson.

We, the undersigned Members of your congregation, desire to present you with a testimonial of our affection and esteem.

Although the time is indeed short since we have been related to each other as a Pastor and people, we have an earnest of the future in your unwearied exertions for our spiritual welfare since you have come amongst us.

We pray that you may receive strength and grace from above to continue your labours amongst us, and that through the Great Head of the Church they may be blessed abundantly.

With our sincere wishes for a long continuance of our present relations, we ask your kind acceptance of our offering.

After the Address was read, Mr. Stevenson was conducted to the Hall of the Church, when Donald McIntosh, Esq., who was by the unanimous approval of the congregation selected for the purpose, presented the several articles, viz., Cutter and Robe, Harness, Saddle, &c., accompanying each with a few pithy but appropriate remarks, dwelling particularly on the part taken in the testimonial by the female portion of the congregation. The old gentleman's countenance beamed with satisfaction and delight throughout the proceedings. In Mr. McIntosh the congregation saw at once their founder, and staunch. unflinching and devoted friend through all their trials and vicissitudes. As agent for the Canada Company, as owner of a mill,

and as a neighbour, in each and every