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### The Record.

**KNOX'S CHURCH, TORONTO.**—We regret to state that this place of worship was destroyed by fire on the 30th ultimo. The congregation is subjected to considerable inconvenience in the meantime, but active steps have been taken for the erection of a new and suitable Church, which will be commenced, we understand, without delay. A large sum has been already subscribed for this purpose.

THE STUDENTS OF KNOX'S COLLEGE will find certain directions respecting their studies during the recess, in this number, to which their attention is requested by the Professors. The subject of Bursaries requires the consideration of the College Committee before any intimation is made regarding it.

The College Committee will meet (D. V.) in the Divinity Hall of Knox's College, Toronto, on the 8th July at Noon. The attendance of members is earnestly requested, as matters of importance connected with the Mission of the Rev. Mr. Bayne, will then have to be considered.

WM. RINTOUL,  
Convener.

**MARKHAM.**—The Presbytery of Toronto at a recent meeting, sustained a call from the congregation of Markham, to the Rev. James Boyd, probationer. The Presbytery meets for his Ordination, on the 7th July, at the Church, in Markham, at Brown's Corners.

**GUELPH.**—The Rev. Mr. McGregor, formerly of St. John's, New Brunswick, is just about to be inducted to the pastoral charge of Guelph.

**WELLINGTON SQUARE.**—The Rev. Alexander McLean has recently been inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregations of Wellington-Square and Waterdown, by the Presbytery of Hamilton.

**KINGSTON.**—A call has just been moderated in by the Presbytery of Kingston, from the congregation assembling in the Hall of the City Buildings, to the Rev. R. F. Burns, Probationer.

**DUNDAS LADIES' ASSOCIATION.**—We are happy to announce, that the sale of fancy and useful articles in aid of the funds of this institution, amounted to Thirty Pounds. The attendance was good—all classes of our townspeople seeming to feel a pleasure in encouraging the ladies of the Rev. Mr. Stark's congregation in their efforts to aid in the erection of the new church.—*Warder, May 21.*

The list of contributions furnished by the Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Fund will appear in our next number.

THE REV. MR. MCGILVERAY, Deputy from the Free Church of Scotland has gone to visit the London District, and intends, we understand, to return to Glengary soon. He has kindly undertaken to receive subscriptions towards the erection of two places of worship, which are required by our people in that populous district. They have themselves contributed a considerable sum for this purpose, but they need the aid of their friends and brethren.

### THE SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA.

THIS Court met, according to appointment, at Kingston, on Wednesday, the 2nd instant. In our next number we shall be able, we trust, to give a full account of the proceedings, with the principal acts and measures adopted by the Synod on this occasion. For the present, we can only briefly state a few of the more important matters which engaged their attention.

THE SYNOD SERMON.—A peculiarly able and edifying discourse, from Col. c. ii, v. 9, was preached in the Brock-street church, by the Rev. Mr. Bayne, of Galt, Moderator for the preceding year; and at an after Session, it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Messrs. Gordon and Smellie, to request the sermon from Mr. Bayne for publication. To this he was induced to consent; and we are happy to have to announce that this excellent discourse will speedily be placed within the reach of the Church generally. After sermon, and the usual devotional exercises, the Synod having been duly constituted, and the Roll made up—ought, according to the usual course, to have proceeded to the election of a new Moderator—but several of the brethren having not yet arrived, it was agreed to postpone the election until the next morning. We may state here in passing, that the Synod Roll was found to bear the names of fifty five Ministers, of whom, however, only twenty-seven were present, with thirteen Elders; and we cannot refrain from expressing what was the prevalent and strong feeling of the Synod in regard to the paucity of Members, both Ministers and Elders in attendance, namely, that serious evil consequences must arise out of this state of things, if it be allowed to continue; and that Ministers, Sessions and Congregations ought immediately to direct their attention to the matter, with a view to the application of some effectual remedy. It seemed to be the prevalent opinion, that the expense of travelling formed the principal cause of the non-attendance of members. If it be so, the remedy must lie mainly with the Deacons or other office-bearers in congregations, for it is scarcely to be believed, that congregations would not readily respond to a demand so reasonable and so necessary as this is, if properly brought before them.

On Thursday morning the Synod met in the large Hall of the City Buildings, rented by one

of our Congregations temporarily, as a place of worship, and after spending some time in devotional exercises, proceeded to the Election of a Moderator. The Rev. James Harris, of Toronto, was, with the greatest cordiality and unanimity, called upon to occupy the chair, but declined the office, with suitable acknowledgements for his election, on account of his feeble state of health, as on similar grounds did also the Rev. Mr. Smart, of Brockville, who was next nominated. The Rev. John M. Roger, of Peterboro', was then unanimously chosen Moderator, and took the chair. Of the proceedings of this day, we can only notice what took place in the evening, when the Synod again met in Brock-street church, to hear the Reports of Presbyteries on Home Missions. This was one of the most interesting meetings during the Synod. A large body of the people were present, and the several Presbyterial reports were listened to with marked attention. It appeared that there are about one hundred vacant Stations, claiming the sympathy and care of the church, and receiving Missionary supply to a greater or less extent from the several Presbyteries—many of these stations having large congregations, fully organized and ripe for settlement.

Although the measures founded on these reports and on certain overtures on our Home Mission Scheme were not adopted, until a later period of the Synod's sittings: it may be here mentioned, that it was resolved to place the whole of the Missionaries at the disposal of the Church, whether Ministers without charge, or probationers or catechists, under the direction of the Synod's Home Mission Committee, in order to the more just distribution of Missionary supplies over the whole bounds of the Church. Presbyteries were accordingly directed to give in lists to the Convener of the Synod's Committee of such Missionary labourers, within their respective bounds, as are available and efficient for the work; as also of their vacant stations, giving such statistics of the stations as should indicate their comparative necessities and importance. The proceeds of the annual collection for Home Missions to be made throughout the Church, were ordered to be placed at the disposal of the Synod's Home Mission Committee, and various regulations for the more effectual prosecution of this department of the church's work were adopted, not the least important of which is this,—that no probationer shall be settled in a fixed charge until he has spent twelve months in the Home Mission field, except by the express sanction of the Synod. The Rev. Messrs. Robb, of Hamilton, and Stark, of Dundas, were appointed joint Conveners of this important Committee, and we believe that all concerned will feel that the trust could not have been committed to better hands. May the Lord bless and guide their counsels and efforts, for the building up of Zion, and send them many able