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PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE AND OTTAWA.

An adjourned meeting of this Presbytery will take place at Kempsville, on the first Tuesday of May, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

The next ordinary meeting will take place in Ottawa, on the first Tuesday of June, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

S. C. FRASER, *Pres. Clerk.*

WILLIAM GREGG, *Presb. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

The ordinary Quarterly Meeting of this court is appointed to be held in the vestry of the Free Church, Cort Street, Montreal, on Wednesday, 6th May, at 10, a. m.

D. FRASER, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

Next meeting of this Presbytery will be held in Knox's Church, Toronto, on Tuesday the 5th of May, at 11 o'clock.

THOS. WIGHTMAN, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held within Knox's Church, Hamilton, on the 12th day of May next, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

M. Y. STARK, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

The next meeting of the Presbytery of Kingston, is appointed to be held in Chalmers' Church, Kingston, on Tuesday, the 9th day of June, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

WM. GREGG, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery, will be held in Cobourg, on the last Tuesday of May, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Session Records of all the Congregations are requested to be given in at this meeting.

JAMES BOWIE, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

A special meeting will be held at Chatham on Wednesday, the 20th May, at 10 o'clock A.M. The next ordinary meeting will be held at London, on the first Tuesday of July, at 10 o'clock A. M.

J. SCOTT, *Pres. Clerk.*

COLPORTAGE COMMITTEE.

This Committee will meet in McNab Street Church Hamilton, on the second Monday of May at 7, P. M.

D. INGLIS, *Convener.*

COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The undersigned, in view of his expected absence from the ensuing meeting of Synod, and his inability to prepare a Report, begs to request that the Corresponding Members of this Committee, in the various Presbyteries of the Church, will draw up succinct statements of the state and prospects of vital religion in their districts, in accordance with the information furnished at the Presbyterial conferences on this subject.

These statements may be wrought into a Report by any member of the Committee appointed to act for the Convener at the next meeting, which will be called by the Moderator of Synod.

D. FRASER, *Convener.*

Montreal, April 20, 1857.

TO PRESBYTERY CLERKS.

Presbytery Clerks are earnestly requested to forward to the Rev. Wm. Reid, Toronto, the Clerk of the Synod, before the meeting of Synod, which takes place at Kingston on Wednesday, 10th June. Rolls of their respective Presbyteries, so that the Synod Roll may be made up at the commencement of the Session.

Presbytery Clerks are also requested to forward to the Synod, the necessary certificates and extracts with reference to such Students of Divinity, as may be proposed for being taken on trials for license.

Presbyteries are also directed to report to the Synod, such congregations as have continued to neglect the stated collections.

Presbytery Clerks are required by the Synod to prepare and forward condensed reports of all cases of license, ordination, induction, deposition and death of ministers, within the bounds of the several Presbyteries during the year.

It is desirable that all Overtures, References, Petitions, and other papers to be laid before the Synod, be forwarded as early as possible, so that the business of the Synod may be properly arranged.

Kirk Sessions are reminded that if one of their own number cannot attend the meeting of Synod, they may elect one connected with another congregation.

The following is the form of Commission appointed by the Synod to be followed in such a case:

"At _____, the _____ day of _____, one thousand, &c., years, which day the Session of _____ having met and been constituted, (*inter alia*);—The Session proceeded to elect a representative to the ensuing meeting of Synod, when Mr. A. B., an Elder in the Session of C., was nominated and chosen; wherefore the Session did, and hereby do, appoint the said A. B. to be their, willing him to have in view, in all his actings, the best interests of the Church and the glory of God, and they authorize the Moderator or Clerk to subscribe this as his commission as their representative Elder."

(Signed) D. E., *Moderator (or Clerk)* as the case may be.

WM. REID, *Synod Clerk.*

SABBATH OBSERVANCE—QUERIES.

The Synod, at its last meeting in London, recommended "that a list of queries, similar to those sent in 1852, be again sent to Ministers, specially bearing on the various forms of Sabbath desecration and the means used for their removal, and that the substance of the answers be embodied in next year's Report." In conformity with the foregoing, the following questions are addressed to Ministers and Sessions. It is earnestly hoped that answers be forwarded to the Convener at St. Catharines, on or before Saturday, the 23rd May.

1. Does Sabbath *Visiting* prevail to any ex-