DEATH OF A PROBATIONER.—We regret to have to announce the death of one of the probationers of the Church—the Rev. P. McLaren. Mr. McLaren was employed in the supply of vacant congregations. He was seized with erysipelas, from the effects of which he died. He was well known in various parts of the country, and was highly respected.

## OFFICIAL NOTICES.

SYNOD OF HAMILTON.—The Synod of Hamilton will meet, pursuant to adjournment, in Galt, and within Knox's Church there, on the first Tuesday of May next, at 7 in the evening, and will be opened with a sermon by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. George Smellie, of Fergus.

Certified Rolls of Presbyteries, and papers for transmission to Synod, should be sent to the Synod Clerk, eight days before the meeting of Synod. The Treasurer will be present at the meeting of Synod to receive con-

gregational payments to the Synod Fund.

It was agreed at last meeting, that the second evening of the meeting of Synod this year should be spent in a Synodical Conference on the state of religion within the bounds, and the Committee on the State of Religion, was instructed to make arrangements for the discussion of special subjects at said conference. The Committee referred to to consist of the following: Mr. Lowry (Convener), Mr. McQuarrie, Mr. Cochrane, Mr. James Robertson of Paris, Mr. James K. Smith of Galt, with the Elders of these churches. WILLIAM COCHRANE,

BRANTFORD, 17th February, 1871.

Clerk of Synod of Hamilton.

SYNOD OF MONTREAL.—The Synod of Montreal of the Canada Presbyterian Church will meet, according to appointment, in the City of Kingston, Ontario, and within Chalmers' Church there, on the first Tuesday of May next, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening.

Certified Rolls of Presbyteries, and papers for transmission to the Synod, or notification of the same, should be sent to the Clerk of Synod, at least eight days before the meeting.

A. YOUNG,

Montreal, 21st February, 1871.

Synod Clerk.

SYNOD OF TORONTO.—The Synod of Toronto will meet in Bay Street Church, Toronto, on the first Tuesday after the last Sabbath of April, 2nd May, at half-past seven o'clock, p. m.

Certified Rolls of Presbyteries, and all papers for the Synod, or notice of the same, should be in the hands of the Synod Clerk at least eight days before the meeting.

JOHN GRAY,

ORILLIA, 21st February, 1871.

Synod Clerk.

N. B.—Attention is specially called to the second recommendation of the Report on the State of Religion, as adopted by the General Assembly. (See page 23 of the printed Minutes of the Assembly, and the first page of The Record for December, 1870.)

J. G.

SYNOD OF LONDON.—The Synod of London will meet at London, and within St. Andrew's Church there, on the first Tuesday of May, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening. The opening sermon will be preached by the retiring moderator, the Rev. John Scott, London.

Certified Rolls of Presbyteries, together with all changes during the past year, by death, demission, induction, translation, licensure, &c., and other papers for transmission to the Synod, should be in the hands of the Clerk at least eight days before the meeting of Synod.