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### MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.

The Treasurer begs to call the attention of ministers, whose rates to the Fund are in arrears, to the first and second regulations adopted by the Synod, on the 11th June, 1852. See Minutes, p. 14, or *Record* for July last, p. 132.

Notices of arrears and rates falling due on the 1st November, were transmitted through the Post Office in the month of October.

### HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Conveners request, that in future, all letters be addressed to the Secretary, John Burns, Esq., Knox's College, Toronto. The Rev. Alex. Gale's address is "Mount Albion," C. W.

### PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

The next meeting of the Presbytery of Kingston is appointed to be held in Belleville on the 12th January, 1853, at 11 o'clock forenoon.

WILLIAM GRASSO, *Pres. Clerk.*

### PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery is appointed to be held in the Session House of the Colé Street Church, Montreal, on the last Wednesday of January, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

D. FRASER, *Pres. Clerk.*

### PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The next ordinary meeting of the Presbytery of London, will be held in St. Andrew's Church, London, on the second Wednesday of January, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

JOHN SCOTT, *Pres. Clerk.*

### PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The ordinary meeting of the Presbytery of London was held at London on the 13th of Oct.

Much of the business which was before the Court respected the fulfilment of Presbyterial appointments and the supply of mission stations.

At the morning sederunt a letter was laid on the table from the Clerk of the Presbytery of Montreal, and another from the Rev. John Fraser of St. Thomas', both respecting the call addressed to Mr. Fraser by the congregation at Inverness. The contents of Mr. Fraser's letter were superseded by a verbal statement made by himself at the afternoon sederunt. He then stated that from several encouraging circumstances connected with his present charge, he had been led to the decision of remaining in it, and therefore declined accepting of the call addressed to him by the congregation of Inverness.

The following students presented themselves for examination:—Messrs. George Bremner, David McPherson, Wm. Forrest, John McKay, and Alex. McKay; three with the view of returning to College, and two of entering it. After having examined these young men at considerable length, the Presbytery agreed to grant each a certificate to the College Committee.

Mr. Andrew Tolmie, Student of Divinity, presented himself for license. The Presbytery after

hearing his discourses and examining him in Theology, Church History, Hebrew and Greek, on a conjunct view of the whole, agreed to sustain the trials. The usual questions were then put relative to the doctrine and government of the Church, to which satisfactory answers were obtained. And Mr. Tolmie having stated his readiness to sign the Formula, the Moderator did by solemn prayer, in the name and by the authority of the Presbytery, license him to preach the Gospel within the bounds. After exhortation he received the right-hand of fellowship from the brethren.

In compliance with a petition from the united stations of Blandford and Melrose, a *pro re nata* meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at the former place on the 26th of October, for the purpose of moderating in a call, in favour of the Rev. A. Tolmie, just licensed.

Appointments were given to several of the brethren whereby the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper might be dispensed at Amherstburgh, and also the station of St. Andrews, be supplied with Sabbath service once a fortnight, and the station of Bosanquet once a month, till the next ordinary meeting of Presbytery.

JOHN SCOTT, *Pres. Clerk.*

### PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

This Presbytery met at Belleville on the 10th November.

Mr. Burns reported that he had applied for missionaries to the Synod's Home Mission Committee; and a letter was read from the Secretary of the Committee, stating that Mr. Chesnut had been assigned to the Presbytery during the winter—that several additional missionaries were expected in a few days—and that one of these would be sent to labour within our bounds.

Mr. Chesnut was appointed to labour in the stations in Madoc till next meeting of Presbytery—the stations in the neighbourhood of Kingston to be supplied by the missionary to be sent by the Home Mission Committee.

Mr. Chesnut gave an interesting report of his labors in Madoc till next meeting of Presbytery. It appears that the friends in Storrington have contributed about £100 towards the erection of a new Church, which they expect to have completed during the winter.

It was reported that a Day of Humiliation, as appointed by the Synod, had been observed in the congregations of Pictou, Belleville, Kingston and Melrose. It was recommended that, on the first Sabbath of January, the several ministers should preach on the causes of Thanksgiving to God, for his mercies during the present year.

Mr. Reid of Pictou, gave notice of a motion to petition Parliament against the lately proposed University Bill.

Missionary meetings were appointed as follow:

Pictou—Monday, 10th January.

Demorestville—Tuesday, 11th January.

Belleville—Wednesday, 12th January.

Roslin—Thursday, 13th January.

Melrose—Friday, 14th January.

Madoc—Wednesday, 19th January.

### "RETURN UNTO THE LORD."

[FOR THE RECORD.]

I have wander'd away from the fold of my Shepherd;  
I have liv'd on the foolish, the false and the vain;  
How untoward! thus, life, peace, and safety to jeopard!  
O turn, then, my soul! turn thee God-ward again.  
I have thought that earth's pleasures were gardens of roses,  
And have sought their enjoyment more fully to gain;  
Till a fell disappointment their nature discloses;  
O turn, then, my soul! get thee God-ward again.  
In mercy, affliction's sharpest has been sent me,  
To tame my wild folly, my will to restrain;  
Heaven's bounty has, too, in profusion been sent me;  
O turn, then, my soul! hie thee God-ward again.  
He has pardon and peace—He has life and salvation—  
With a fulness of all things, I still may attain;  
And His offer is free, with a warm invitation;—  
O turn, then, my soul! haste thee God-ward again.

Aberloak, Waterloo, C. W. R. B.

#### Synodical Collections for the Current Year.

1. For French Canadian Missionary Society, 3rd Sabbath in July.
2. Buxton Mission and Synod Fund, 3rd Sabbath in October.
3. Foreign Missions of the Free Church, 3rd Sabbath in January.
4. Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, 3rd Sabbath in April.