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SYNODICAL COLLECTIONS FOR THE YEAR,

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

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The next ordinary meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto will be held in Knox's College, Toronto, on Wednesday, the 24th January, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

T. WIGHTMAN, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

Next ordinary meeting is appointed to be held within the Session House of the Free Church, Colé Street, Montreal, on Wednesday, the 31st January, at ten o'clock, A. M.

D. FRASER, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery is appointed to be held at Belleville, on Tuesday, 23rd January, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

W. GREGG, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will take place at London, on the second Wednesday of January, 1855, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

JOHN SCOTT, *Pres. Clerk*

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

The Presbytery of Brockville will hold its next ordinary meeting at Prescott, on the first Tuesday of February, 1855, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

JOHN McMURRAY, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF PERTH.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held at Perth, on the second Tuesday of January, 1855, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

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

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will take place at Cobourg, on Tuesday, the 9th January, 1855, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

J. W. SMITH, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

The Presbytery of Cobourg held a meeting at Cobourg on the 31st October; the attendance of ministers was pretty large, but as usual there were very few elders—this is much to be regretted, because unless the elders take their place the proceedings of the Presbytery are almost unknown to the congregation.

The report of Mr. Thompson's labors at Trenton was read, and the Presbytery was gratified at the progress of the work of God in Trenton and Murray.

Rev. D. McLeod was instructed to have printed and to forward to each minister a copy of the questions on the state of religion in their congregations; and also the questions concerning Sabbath schools; and the Presbytery directed that the answers to these should be in the Clerk's hands by the first of March, 1855.

At the suggestion of the elders present the Presbytery resolved to call the attention of congregations to the minute of Synod and the support of the ministry, the necessity for having deacons ordained in all the congregations, to take charge of the financial concerns, and of regularity in all financial matters; and for the carrying out of their intention a Committee was appointed, consisting of ministers and elders.

The Presbytery directed the Treasurer to pay Mr. McMillan the sum of £30, for his services as Missionary Catechist during the summer.

Mr. McMillan gave a pleasing account of his labors during the summer; was then examined, and commended to the Committee of Knox's College.

Mr. Thomas McNaughton appeared before the Presbytery and stated his desire to study for the

ministry in connection with this Church. After a satisfactory examination, the Presbytery agreed unanimously to approve of his design and commend him to the Committee of Knox's College, which was accordingly done. Financial returns were presented from several of the congregations and examined. Those congregations which have not reported for the past half-year are directed to forward their reports to the Clerk immediately.

The following missionary meetings were appointed for the month of January.

Cobourg, Monday 8th.
Grafton and Coldsprings, Tuesday, 9th.
Baltimore and Colborne, Wednesday, 10th.
Trenton, Thursday, 11th.
Murray, Friday 12th.

The next meeting was appointed to be held at Cobourg, on Tuesday, 9th January, at nine o'clock, A. M.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

The Presbytery met at Belleville on the 8th November. It was reported that the Synod's Home Mission Committee had appointed Mr. McMeekin to labor during the winter within the bounds of the Presbytery.

The following missionary meetings were appointed to be held, viz.:

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| Belleville, | Monday, 22 | Jan. |
| Demorestville, | Tuesday, 23 | " |
| Pictou, | Wednesday, 24 | " |
| Kingston (Chalmers' Ch.) | Monday, 5 | Feb. |
| Gananoque, | Tuesday, 6 | " |
| Kingston (Brock-street) | Wednesday, 7 | " |
| Melrose, | Tuesday, 13 | " |
| Roslin, | Wednesday, 14 | " |
| Madoc, | Thursday, 15 | " |
| Storrington, | Tuesday, 13 | " |
| Ballinahinch, | Wednesday, 14 | " |

Messrs. Burns and Gregg reported that they had visited and preached in Madoc, and that Commissioners had been duly appointed, but unforeseen circumstances having prevented their appearance, the subject of Mr. Chesnut's resignation was deferred till next meeting.

The Presbytery enjoined Session Clerks to forward their Records for examination at the meeting preceding the Synod.

The Presbytery adjourned till the day following, when the subject of ministerial support was taken up, and a Committee appointed to visit the congregations within the bounds, and confer with them on this subject; also to prepare a form for half-yearly statistical returns, and report to next meeting of Presbytery. The following are the Committee:—Rev. W. Gregg, *Convener*, the Hon. J. McDonald, Messrs. John Oddie, C. S. Patterson, A. McAlister, J. McLaughlan, and Jonathan Green.

The next meeting was appointed to be held in Belleville on Tuesday, the 23rd of January, at ten o'clock, A. M.

WILLIAM GREGG, *Pres. Clerk.*