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

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada meets at Hamilton on Wednesday, the 31st day of June next, to be opened with sermon by Rev. Dr. Burns, the last Moderator, at seven, P.M.

The Clerk will be in attendance at Knox's Church there, at 12, noon, against which time the Rolls of Presbyteries, attested by their several Clerks, should be in his hands.

Presbytery Records, fully engrossed, should be brought up to the Synod.

The Treasures of the Synod Fund, of the College Committee and Bursary Fund, are requested to forward their accounts, balanced and duly audited, up to the 1st June; and Deacons' Courts, or other bodies of management in congregations, are requested to have all payments or arrears for the current year paid into the hands of the Treasurers, on or before said date.

The Act respecting collections for the Schemes of the Church will be seen in the *Record* for July last, page 100. By that Act the collection for the Synod Fund is to be made May 31st, that is the Sabbath immediately previous to the Meeting of Synod. This collection should be made at Missionary stations as well as in stated congregations; and, in the event of there being no sermon on the 31st May, it should be made on the 24th.

Presbyteries should report their Home Missionary operations, with statements of their accounts, duly audited, up to the 1st June, to Mr. Gale, Convener of the Home Mission Committee.

The Treasurer for the Foreign Missions of the Free Church of Scotland is requested to forward a statement of the collections received and forwarded by him. It may be recollected that the 7th day of September last was the day for making collections for the above accounts. It is hoped that any congregations which have not yet made their collections will do so before the Meeting of Synod, that the report of the Treasurer may exhibit returns from the whole Church. The Treasurers are as follows:—James Shaw, Esq. (Toronto) Synod Fund; John McMurrich, Esq., College Fund; Samuel Spruell, Esq., Bursary Fund; John Redpath, Esq., (Montreal) Foreign Missions Fund.

Sessions are respectfully reminded that it is highly desirable that they should each be represented by an Elder in the Synod, and that in the event of its being inconvenient or impracticable for a Session to send one of its own members, it may choose its representative from any other Session within the bounds of the Church.—(See the Act of Synod in the *Record* of November, 1844, page 27.)

WILLIAM RINTOUL,  
Synod Clerk.

Streetville, 24th April, 1846

The Commission of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada meets in Knox's Church, Toronto, on Wednesday, the 6th instant, at 12 o'clock noon. The Synod's Home Mission Committee, and the College Committee, will also meet there on the close of the Commission.

By appointment of Synod, a collection is to be made in all the congregations of the Presbyterian Church, for the Synod fund, on Sabbath, the 31st instant. Ministers and Missionaries are requested to give attention to this.

The next ordinary meeting of the Presbytery of Hamilton is to be held here on Wednesday, the 13th instant.

The members of the Committee of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church, on union with the Missionary Synod, are requested to meet at my house, on Tuesday evening, 12th instant, at seven o'clock.

A. GALE, Convener.

To our AGENTS AND SUBSCRIBERS.—The publisher acknowledges payment for the *Record*, in part, from a good many places, and in full from not a few. He now requests that all parties in arrears will remit, forthwith, their subscriptions for the second year. He reminds subscribers that payment in advance is expected, and that if this be not realized to a considerable extent, the *Record* cannot be afforded at its present low price.—The publisher intends, in future, for the satisfaction of parties remitting, to give a list of the places from which remittances have been received during the preceding month, in each No.

We have barely room left to direct the attention of our readers to the several articles under the head of Home Missions, and to that on the subject of a Fund for Ministers' Widows. They will all be found well worthy of perusal. The subject of the last-mentioned article will doubtless, at no distant period, engage the special consideration of the church.

We would request the attention of the Church generally, and especially of Ministers and Elders, to the notices of the Synod Clerk, respecting the approaching Meeting of the Synod. Care should be taken by the proper office-bearers that the appointments of the Synods, respecting collections, &c., be duly complied with. The collection for the Synod Fund, which is yet to be made on Sabbath the 31st instant, ought not to be overlooked by any of our congregations or missionary stations, as it is from this fund that the expenses, necessarily incurred in conducting the business of the Church, are defrayed. If any other of the appointed collections have been omitted, the omission should be supplied before the meeting of Synod. The various Treasurers will no doubt give due attention to the request of the Clerk, and forward detailed accounts to him, to be laid before the Sy-

nod, and published for the information of the Church.

We would farther beg leave to direct the special attention of Sessions to that part of the Clerk's notice which has reference to the attendance of Elders. Surely the counsels of the Church—the due administration of the affairs of Christ's Kingdom—should not be made dependent on, or subordinate to, mere convenience on the part of those to whom these great interests are committed.—Matters of vital importance to the advancement of the Gospel in this land will come to be considered by the Synod, and it is therefore particularly desirable that there be a full attendance both of Ministers and Elders.

We must also specially advert to the duty of Presbyteries, or of their Home Mission Committees, to transmit, as soon as possible, to the Convener of the Synod's Home Mission Committee, reports on the state of Home Missions within their respective bounds. It must be manifest how important it is that a full and distinct view should be presented to the Synod of the religious destitution of the country, and of the amount of effort which has been put forth in the various sections of the church for its supply. It will be recollected by many how defective the information in this department was at the last Synod, through the want of reports from Presbyteries. It is to be hoped that full reports for the current year, from all the Presbyteries, will be in the hands of the Convener ten days, at least, before the meeting of Synod. The following points should be attended to in drawing up these reports: The number of missionary districts, and of the stations in each of them, arranged by the Presbytery, or their Home Mission Committee; the actual or probable number of members and adherents of the Presbyterian Church connected with each missionary station; the amount of missionary supply extended to each during the year, whether by ministers, missionaries, or catechists; the average attendance on the religious services at the several stations, whether prayer meetings and Sabbath schools have been established at the stations; the state of the Presbytery's Home Mission fund, exhibiting its receipts in detail as derived from contributions and collections at the several missionary stations, and by the several congregations, and its disbursements in payment of salaries to missionaries and catechists, and allowances to ministers; suggestions for the more effectual prosecution of Home Missionary operations by the church.

In conclusion, we would earnestly call upon the Church at large—its various office-bearers—its several families—and individual members—to have special reference to the Synod at its approaching meeting—in their exercises at the throne of grace. In particular at the period of its meeting, ought there not to be a season set apart in each of our congregations and missionary stations, for special and united supplications and intercessions in behalf of the Synod—that the Great Head of the Church may vouchsafe his gracious presence