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## The Record.

**KNOX'S COLLEGE.—NOTICE.**—The members of the College Committee are earnestly requested to be present at the closing examinations of the current Session. It is intended (D. V.) that these shall commence on Tuesday, the 6th April, and be continued throughout the week and part of the week following, if necessary.

A meeting of the College Committee will be held on Thursday, the 8th April, at 11 A. M., in the College Library, when matters of great moment will be brought under consideration.

WM. RINTOUL, *Convener.*

### NOTICE TO SESSIONS, &c.,—AND COMMITTEE OF SYNOD ON ACCOUNTS.

We beg to call the attention of Sessions, Deacons' Courts, or Committees of Management in Congregations, and at Mission Stations, to the following extract, from the Minutes of Synod, of date 10th June, 1846:—

"The Synod resolved that funds for meeting the ordinary expenses of the Synod and other contingencies, heretofore raised by a general collection, shall for the ensuing year be raised by a small assessment, to be made by the Committee on Public Accounts, with a due regard to the ability of every several congregation, and notified by circular early in January next."

The circular referred to has not, we believe, been yet issued by the Committee on Accounts. We would now, in the name of the Convener of that Committee, John Burns, Esq., intimate a meeting of the same to be held in the Divinity Hall, Knox's College, Toronto, on Wednesday the 7th April, at 7 P. M. The names of the Committee will be found in the printed Minutes, Page 68.

WM. RINTOUL,  
*Synod Clerk.*

### MEETING OF THE SUSTENTATION BOARD.

The Sustentation Board, of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, will meet (D. V.) according to appointment, in the Lecture Room of Knox's Church, Hamilton, on Thursday the 13th May, at 2 o'clock, P. M. A full attendance of members is requested.

JAMES WALKER,  
*Secretary.*

THE PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON will meet in Knox's Church there, on Wednesday the 12th May, before which day the Presbytery's Missionaries and Catechists are required to give in reports of their labours up to that time, or as nearly so as possible. Session Clerks are enjoined, as resolved at a former meeting, to produce the Session Records of their respective congregations, fully engrossed in suitable Books, and each Minute signed by the Moderator and Clerk of Session.

M. Y. STARK, P. C.

**HOME MISSION COMMITTEE OF SYNOD.**—A meeting of this Committee will be held (D. V.) on Thursday Evening, 8th April, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

A. GALE, *Convener.*

### KNOX'S COLLEGE,—BURSARIES.

In continuation of the statement in our last number, respecting the results of the competition for Bursaries in this Institution, we are now able to add the following, viz:—

1. A Bursary of £10, for the greatest proficiency in the Evidences of Natural and Revealed Religion, to be ascertained by examination on the prelections of the present Session. Mr. Robert Ure stood first in this competition, and Mr. John Gray second; the exercises of both were of marked excellence.

2. A Bursary of £10, for the highest attainments in Moral Philosophy, to be ascertained by an examination, extending over the whole course of prelections during the present Session. In this department also, Mr. Robert Ure stood first, Mr. John Ross, second, and Mr. George Jamieson, third. Both Mr. Ross, and Mr. Ure, having previously obtained Bursaries, this Bursary fell to Mr. Jamieson.

3. A Bursary of £7 10s., for the best Essay on the peculiar influences, favourable and unfavourable, that operate on the character of settlers in Canada. This Bursary was adjudged to Mr. Thos. Henning.

A Bursary of £7 10s. still remains to be competed for. The subjects of this competition are General History, Chronology, and Antiquities, and it will take place at the close of the Session, either in the last week of March or in the first week of April.

We publish in this number an interesting and valuable paper on the subject of the sustentation of the Gospel Ministry, by John Burns, Esq. We recommend it to the careful perusal of our readers. We are glad to hear that Mr. Burns has commenced his visitation of the congregations in the Presbytery of Hamilton, under the direction of the Sustentation Board, according to the instructions of the Synod. The whole Church will thus have been visited before the meeting of Synod, and the way prepared, as we trust, for more united and vigorous action in this important department of her administration.

The Rev. Duncan M. Mulen, Missionary, under the Presbytery of Toronto, has recently paid the following sums to the proper Treasurers.—Collection from Nottawasaga for College 13s. 9d., collection from Sunnidale for College 5s., collection at Nottawasaga for Foreign Missions £2 9s. 4d., collection at Sunnidale for Foreign Missions £1 0s. 1d., collection at Nottawasaga for Home Mission £1 19s. 1d.

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MONTREAL, Feb. 12, 1847. }

REV. DEAR SIR.—As I have no doubt you will feel an interest in whatever is doing in Sabbath Schools, for the great and important cause of Missions, I beg leave to enclose a statement of what our Sabbath Schools in connexion with St. Gabriel St. Church, have done during the past year, that it may had a place in your monthly Record.

I remain,  
Rev. Dear Sir,  
A. PYPER,  
*Superintendent.*

### ABSTRACT.

1. French Canadian Missionary Society	£4 0 0
2. College Toronto	8 0 0
3. Conversion of the Jews	2 5 0
4. East Indian Mission in connexion with the Free Church	2 8 10
5. Canada Sabbath School Union to support an Agent	2 10 0
	£19 3 10

### OPENING OF MELVILLE CHURCH, FERGUS, C. W.

(For the Record.)

This new stone Church erected by the congregation of Fergus in connexion with the Presbyterian Synod of Canada, was opened for public worship on Thursday the 4th of March, when the Rev. Dr. Burns, of Toronto preached. The circumstances which led to its erection had awakened considerable interest in the neighbourhood, and the occasion of its being opened drew together, besides the congregation, a number of strangers from the surrounding country. An unusual lamination was perceptible even in the singing of the psalm at the commencement of the service, great solemnity characterized both the speaker and the assembled worshippers during prayer; and the people continued to listen with unabated attention while the Rev. Dr. with his usual energy and eloquence delivered two sermons, well suited to the occasion. The Rev. G. Smellie, Pastor, of the congregation, conducted the devotional exercises between the discourses, and addressed to them a few words of congratulation on the auspicious event which had brought them together, and of solemn admonition regarding the grand result to be desired from their new position. On the following Sabbath, the Lord's Supper was administered to the congregation, the Rev. Mr. Bayne, of Galt assisting. On both occasions the Church, which is nearly twice as large as the old one, now occupied by a handful of Residuaries, was filled to overflowing. Indeed never before on any occasion was there assembled in this quarter so large a body of worshippers. And it is only feared that the new church will soon be too small.

Besides the Church, which is a substantial and well finished building, capable of containing