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### PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

A Special Meeting will be held in Toronto, on Thursday the 3rd of July, at eleven o'clock, a. m. Next ordinary meeting to be held in Toronto, on Wednesday, the 16th of July, at eleven, A. M.

### PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Next ordinary meeting takes place in Knox's Church, Hamilton, on second Tuesday of July, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

### FRENCH CANADIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The annual collection for this important Mission has been appointed by the Synod to be made on the third Sabbath of this month. We believe that there is no object for which our congregations contribute more generally and more willingly. It is therefore unnecessary to present many arguments with the view of awakening and calling forth the liberality of our people.

This Mission has been in operation about sixteen years, and although we have no cause for self-exaltation on account of any very brilliant results, we have no cause for despondency. The Mission has prospered. It has been the means of bringing out a few from spiritual darkness to light, and of planting the good seed in the hearts of a still greater number, in whom it may yet spring up and bring forth fruit. It has at present seven stations with resident Missionaries. Besides several Schools in various parts of the country, it has at Point aux Trembles, two large educational institutions, one for boys and one for girls, where a very considerable number of young people are receiving a scriptural education. The last report states, that 51 boys and 23 girls are attending these Seminaries. Its agents pro-

claim the pure gospel to at least 300 French Canadians every Sabbath, while by means of Colportage and other agencies, the gospel is brought to a still greater number.

Were the means at the disposal of the Society greater, the evangelistic operations might be greatly extended. At many places the opposition which was formerly manifested has died away, and the influence of the priests has greatly declined.

We are bound to Lower Canada by many peculiar ties. Its inhabitants are our own fellow citizens. Its welfare and progress, and our own, are bound up together. Our interests are identical. Its people are in general a peaceable, simple-minded race, who under a better religious system, might, by many estimable qualities, adorn the doctrine of our God and Saviour. But in the meantime they are held in ignorance and spiritual thralldom. They are taught to pray to the Virgin Mary instead of Jesus, the only saviour of sinners, and to trust in external rites and ceremonies, rather than to seek an interest in the finished work of Christ, and to look for the renewing and sanctifying influences of the Holy Spirit. Let us do what we can to diffuse among them a pure gospel. Let us with vigour and with energy come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

### ADDRESS ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

The undersigned, Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in attendance upon Synod, deeply impressed with the conviction that apart from those considerations of esteem and love, that scripture enjoins as regulating the treatment of our Ministers, the efficiency and prosperity of the Church are intimately connected with the right discharge of those sacred relations which Congregations owe to those who labour among them, and are over them in the Lord in the Gospel ministry, do earnestly call the members of Churches individually and collectively to a prayerful attentive consideration of the subject.

1. First with respect to the adequate support of ministers, the undersigned regret to learn that the remuneration paid by some churches is quite insufficient to secure more than the bare maintenance of their pastors, if even that; but instead of finding fault, the undersigned would rather present some considerations to stimulate every member of the Church to a more correct appreciation of the duty of increased liberality, and of its advantages to themselves and the Church generally. We would remind you that the relation is one created, by the Great Head of the Church, and that love and regard to Him should induce His people to act towards those appointed over them, on the principle laid down by Him, that His labourers are worthy of their hire, and that if the cries of the defrauded labourer entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth, how much more so will the sufferings of the neglected and stinted labourer in God's own vineyard.

2. We would further remark that a state of freedom from the distracting cares of this world,

and the enjoyment of a just measure of temporal comfort for himself and family, while not an essential element in a ministers usefulness, must greatly promote it. We must remember, that, although as faithful servants of the Lord Jesus they are not hirelings to seek the office of the holy ministry for lucre's sake, they, as husbands and fathers, possess, may be bound to have, the same natural anxieties as ourselves, for those with whom God has placed them in such relations. Is not the saying of Holy Writ as applicable to them as us, "if any man provide not for his own, &c."

Are they not bound to support, educate and make provision for these objects of affection, as much as their people are called upon to do. And we cannot but press upon the Congregations that they are not doing their duty, or seeking their own benefit, if they permit their minister to fail in adequately supporting his family, and providing for them as well as contributing liberally to his own support and comfort.

3. We would also remind members of Churches that their Pastor besides necessary support, requires the means of improving and cultivating his mind, hence he should be able to supply himself with a suitable library. To subscribe to the current periodicals, requisite to keep him up with the progress of things in the church and the world. Let congregations see that this means of promoting their pastor's usefulness be afforded him, and they are sure to be the greatest gainers, by the enlargement of mind which the possession of a good library will bring to their Minister.

4. We would further press upon members, that their duty to their pastor is not done, by merely paying their own subscription or pew rent, but they ought to interest themselves to see that others are doing their duty also. And even, if in pecuniary matters there has been a discharge of obligation, opportunities of studying the comfort, and the well being of your minister might be sought out, and in this respect, the practice of christian churches might be safely imitated in making gratitude to the Lord for prosperity take the shape of adding to the basket and store of their Pastor. Oh dear brethren, let us avoid in our intercourse with our Ministers all that would pain and lessen confidence between us. Let us be careful, that in our families and several circles, that respect and consideration due to our Pastor be observed. Strife in congregations may result from small beginnings, and it should be our earnest endeavour, to shun those by setting a watch upon the lips of ourselves and families in reference to our Pastor, and let kindly acts towards him be accompanied by earnest prayer for his successful Ministry.

We would, in conclusion, briefly recommend several other matters as the result of our deliberations at this Synod.

1. That the minimum stipend of every minister, should be £150, and that every effort be made to increase this in accordance with the circumstances of the case. The cost of living has greatly increased, and the propriety of an