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## The Record.

### NOTICES OF SYNOD.

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada meets at Kingston, on Wednesday, the 2d day of June next, at 7 o'clock, P.M., to be then opened with sermon by the Moderator.

Presbytery Clerks are requested to have forward, at the meeting, rolls of their several Presbyteries, duly attested; inserting in them the names of all congregations duly organised, though not provided with Ministers.

Reports on Home Missions by Presbyteries, should be prepared and handed to the Convenor of the General Home Mission Committee. See printed Minutes, p. 82-3.

It is hoped that the suggestions of the circular recently issued, on the subject of funds and queries respecting Ecclesiastical Statistics, will be attended to.

WM. RINTOUL,  
*Synod Clerk.*

**NOTICE TO STUDENTS.**—The Students who attended Knox's College last Session, and not now in attendance on the summer course, may expect to see in the next number of the Record, if they have not had sent them previously, recommendations and directions respecting the course of reading and study to be pursued by them during the summer recess.

Arrangements will be made for having the competition for Bursaries at the opening of the Winter Session; and it is hoped that these also will be notified in the Record for June.

By authority of the Committee.

WM. RINTOUL,  
*Convenor.*

Knox's College, 12th May, 1847.

### PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON. INDUCTION SERVICES.

On Wednesday, May 5, the Presbytery of Hamilton met in Knox's Church, Hamilton, for the purpose of inducting the Rev. Mr. Robb to the pastoral charge of that congregation. A large and attentive audience was present, and all appeared to manifest the deepest interest in the various proceedings. The Rev. Dr. Ferrier conducted the opening services. He preached from *Acts xvi. 17*, "These men are the servants of the most high God, which show unto us the way of salvation." The Rev. Mr. Stark gave the charge to the minister; after which the Rev. Alexander Gale addressed the people. The usual queries having been put to Mr. Robb and answered satisfactorily, he received the right hand of fellowship from his brethren of the Presbytery, and met afterwards with a cordial welcome from the members of the congregation.

On Sabbath the 9th, the introductory services took place. In the forenoon, the Rev. Alexander Gale delivered a discourse from *1 Thess. v. 13*, "Esteem them very highly in love for their work's

sake." In the afternoon, the Rev. Mr. Robb preached from *John iii. 18*, "He that believeth on him is not condemned, but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

On both occasions the Church was well filled with deeply attentive and deeply interested listeners. Mr. Robb, we rejoice to know, enters upon his pastoral labours with the latest prospects. The almost unanimity has characterized the congregation in all its preliminary arrangements in regard to the settlement. This is a token for good. We earnestly hope and pray, that the trial which has now been formed between the Lord and people, may be hallowed and abundantly blessed by the Great Head of the Church.

### PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

On the 29th ultimo, the Presbytery of Toronto licensed as Preachers of the Gospel and Probationers for the Holy Ministry, Mr. James Boyd and Mr. Robert F. Burns. Both these gentlemen had obtained their preparatory education in Scotland, and had there, also, entered on their Divinity course, which has now been completed in a highly satisfactory manner at Knox's College. After hearing from them, and various pieces of trial prescribed according to the laws of the Church—and after examining them *viva voce* in the various departments of their literary, philosophical, and theological courses, the Presbytery found occasion to record their high satisfaction with their attainments. The questions appointed to be put to Probationers having then been satisfactorily answered by the candidates, and their readiness to subscribe the proper formula ascertained, they were solemnly authorized by the Presbytery to preach the Gospel. The Rev. Mr. Harris presided on this interesting occasion, and addressed to those youthful evangelists many valuable and appropriate counsels, in a truly fatherly strain. Both of them have, for some time past, been doing good service at the destitute stations, as Catechists, and giving great promise of extensive usefulness—which we trust, through the blessing of the Lord, will now be amply realized.

### KNOX'S COLLEGE.

Every individual Christian has some prayer service laid upon him by the blessed Saviour, whose servant he is; and woe it is for him when he neglects what that service is, and gives himself to it in the strength of his Master. As it is with individuals, so it is with churches; these, according to the times—according to their peculiar relations to the world around them,—the gifts conferred on them, and other circumstances, have their own special and appropriate work to perform. It were well for all the office-bearers of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, who regard the Synod as the deliberative and executive council of the church, to bethink themselves, as the time of its annual meeting approaches, of the work which the Great Head of the Church, through the

intimations of his Providence and the Word, is requiring of the Synod at this time.

To us it seems very plain that He is calling on our church to labour earnestly in promoting these two great objects—internal revival and extension and enlargement in the land. These things, it is true, constitute the vocation of all churches; but, if time permitted, we think we could show that no church is more loudly called on to aim at these objects than our own. It is of our duty, in regard to the latter object, that we are now briefly to speak. Let it be observed, that we are called to labour for the evangelizing of the community at large, not merely by those considerations which address themselves more or less powerfully to all churches—the prevailing ignorance of God—the irreligion and superstition of the community around us, and the demand actually made upon us by many of the people for spiritual labours; but, also, by this very peculiar consideration, that there is a large and increasing number of pious youths, who are actually offering themselves through us to be great work of evangelizing the land. They solicit us to add them in the culture of their minds, and the acquisition of an enlarged knowledge of Divine truth, in order to their giving themselves to the instruction of others in that truth. The labourers see in truth thrust upon us, by the Great Lord of the Harvest—and, alas! for us, if we count it not as much a privilege as a duty to do what we can towards opening a way to their entering on His work, and training and accomplishing them for it.

The attention of the Synod then, at the ensuing meeting, ought to be, in a great measure, concentrated on this subject. All its members should come to it, prepared to meet these questions. How may it be enlarged so as to meet the increasing demand for a full and complete ministerial education? How may it be rendered more efficient? How may it be placed on a more stable basis?

It may contribute something towards promoting an interest in this deeply important institution, to give some account of the session which has just closed.

The third Winter Session of our Seminary, now known as Knox's College, has surpassed the two former sessions, in the number of students in attendance, the variety of branches taught, and we think we may also say, in the dispositions to study of the students themselves. The College Committee, we may remind our readers, examines all the students on their first admission to the College, and at the commencement of every session, in respect not merely to their scholastic acquirements, but especially their personal religion and views to the ministry of the Gospel. They admit at first, and continue in the institution, only those who, in the judgment of clarity, have had some experience of a work of grace in their hearts; while those who are attending the literary and philosophical classes are considered to be more strictly probationary students.

The progress of the College, as to the number of students in actual attendance, each year has been as follows:

Session 1844-5	14
" 1845-6	21
" 1846-7	37

The Classes taught, during the last session, were as follows:

Junior Latin, }  
Senior Latin, } By the Rev. Professor Gale,  
Junior Greek, } Principal of the Academy,  
Senior Greek, } and Professor Esson.

Mathematics.—Rev. Thomas Wigham of the Academy.