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"Wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and the strength of salvation."

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MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

The Presbytery of Hamilton will meet in Knox's Church, Hamilton, on the 2nd Wednesday of August, at 2 o'clock, p. m. M. Y. STARK, Presby. Clerk.

The Presbytery of Toronto, will meet in the Divinity Hall, Knox's College, on the first Wednesday of September, at 12 o'clock, noon. P. GEAY, Pres. Clerk.

The Synod's Home Mission Committee will meet in the Session-room of Knox's Church Hamilton, on the 8th day of August, at 8 o'clock, p. m. RALPH ROBB, Concener.

COLLECTION FOR THE FRENCH CANADIAN MISSION, ON THE THIRD SABBATH IN AUGUST.

The friends of the Redeemer will be glad to learn, that, as on a former occasion, the Synod, at its late meeting in Toronto, recommended that sometime during the course of the year, a collection should be taken up throughout the Church in behalf of the mission to the French Canadian Romanists of the Eastern Province. The Committee, to which were referred the arrangements respecting the general collections have recommended that this collection shall be taken up on the third Sabbath of August current. It is

therefore hoped that ministers and missionaries will take the occasion of bringing the claims of the mission prominently before the minds of their people, and of giving them an opportunity to contribute to its funds according as the Lord may have prospered them

It ought to be kept in mind, both by ministers and people, that the work of spreading the Gospel of Christ, is not the duty merely of ministers and missionaries, or of such as hold official stations in the church, but the work of the whole church, and of every individual member of it. Every one on assuming a profession of Christianity, gives up himself and all that he has to the service of the Lord, thereby pledging himself to put forth all his power for the glory of the Saviour, and the advancement of his kingdom in the world. But in addition to the duty that Christ lays on all his churches and to the individual pledge that each of us has given to this effect, we have, as a church, from the very commencement of our separate existence, declared ourselves a missionary church; regarding our own country as the special field of our exertion. Let these considerations of bounden duty have their full weight, on the present, as on all similar occasions.

A wide and interesting field of usefulness is opened up to us, in the part of our country above alluded to. There are upwards of 700,000 persons of French origin, groaning under the soul-destroying yoke of the man of sin—plundered of their worldly substance by the system of sanctified extortion, and what is infinitely more lamentable, cut off from the bread and the water of life—denied the word of the living God—the letter which he has sent to make known to us his love and his plan for the salvation of poor sinners, but which the priests of Rome with ineffable audacity and heaven daring presumption have intercepted by the way. It is to an amiable and interesting people, thus wronged and oppressed and deluded, that we are called to send the word of life. It is this mass of heathenism in our own land that we are called to leaven with the truth of the Gospel.

Let then the fact of their being our fellow-men, our fellow-citizens, our fellow-sinners, and our fellow-immortals,—let the fact of our past neglect of their eternal interest—above all let the love and the command of that Saviour whose grace we profess to have received, and whose servants we profess to be, constrain us to activity and liberality and self-denial, in order that the glad tidings of salvation may be fully and clearly made known amongst them. A suitable channel through which our liberality may flow toward this great object, is the French Canadian Missionary Society of Montreal, which has already done much in the field, and has now doors opening up to it wider and more effectual than ever, which it is only pre-

vented from entering by the limited amount of means put at its disposal by the Christian public.

The Society felt itself much encouraged by the collection made in our churches last year, and a letter from its Committee was read at last Synod, expressive of its gratitude, and requesting the continuance of the same countenance towards it.

It is to be hoped that an amount of liberality equal to, or greater than that of last year, will encourage and strengthen our friends on the present occasion.

Contributions may be sent to J. Burns, Esq., General Agent for the Synod, Toronto; John Fraser, Esq., London; D. McLellan, Bookseller, Hamilton; or to J. Court, Esq., Treasurer to the Mission, Montreal.

It is desirable that returns be made to the agency office of all moneys received for the above object, by the 30th of September, in order that they may be fully reported in the Record for October. J. BURNS.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF KNOX'S COLLEGE.

Point-aux-Trembles, July 17th, 1849.

MY DEAR BRETHREN,— I take advantage of the columns of the Record, to inform you, that the obstacles which have so much retarded my progress in the work of our mission, have, at length, in the kind Providence of God been removed, and I am now left at liberty to devote myself to that work wholly and exclusively, which the Lord assisting me, I purpose to do with all my heart.

The change of plan consequent upon your late resolution to co-operate with the already existing society, I was not aware of, till the late meeting of Synod, which I attended for information and counsel. I then learned that the association would not only be content that I should labour chiefly in the educational department, but that this is the great object they have in view. I rejoice at this for two reasons. First—because the educational department is undoubtedly the most important, as it is chiefly by raising a native ministry that we are to succeed in evangelizing the French Canadians. And secondly—because in the meantime, it is the only part of the work in which I have set before me a definite and immediate prospect of usefulness.

Trusting that this communication may tend to encourage you in the work that we have undertaken, and earnestly requesting to be particularly remembered at a Throne of Grace.

I remain yours in the Lord Jesus. JOHN BLACK.