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COLLECTION FOR THE FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE FREE CHURCH.

This collection, the fourth and last for the Synodical year, is appointed to be taken up on the first Sabbath in June.

It is suggested that by substituting for that day the last Sabbath in May, the collection could be reported at the Synod.

All the Congregations and Mission Stations, it is hoped, will attend to it, and send their contributions to John Reilpath, Esq., Montreal, the Treasurer, or to John Burns, Esq., Agency Office, Toronto.

NOTICES RESPECTING THE MEETING OF SYNOD.

The Synod meets in Kingston on the 4th day of June next, at 11 o'clock, a. m., to be opened with sermon by the Moderator. The Presbytery of Kingston are charged with the arrangements for the meeting, and the dispensation of the Lord's Supper on the Sabbath, as they may see fit.

Presbyteries should see that their several rolls, containing the names of all the charges, or organized congregations, within their bounds, whether provided with ministers or not, are duly prepared and attested by their several clerks. These rolls should be in the hands of the Clerk of Synod at the opening of the Court.

Reports from Presbyteries are required on the following subjects:—The continuance or discontinuance of a standing commission, (see printed minutes, p. 22); the sustentation of the ministry, p. 30.

Reports are required from the Committee on the Book of Discipline, see p. 22; from the Com-

mittee on the Standards, p. 24; from the Committee on the Rectories, p. 20.

As the last general collection for the Synodical year, viz., that for the Foreign Missions of the Free Church, falls on Sabbath, the 1st day of June, it may be convenient in some cases to make it on the last Sabbath of May, that the proceeds may be reported at the Synod.

Sessions are reminded that, in cases in which it is inconvenient to send one of their own number, they may be represented in the Synod by elders of other congregations who may have greater facilities for attending. The act of Synod enacts—

"That it shall be lawful for any Session legally convened, and after due notice given, to elect and appoint as their representative to the Synod, any Elder in good and regular standing in any other Session of this Church, and that the following form of commission shall be followed in such a case:—

"At _____, the _____ day of _____, one thousand, &c. years, which day the Session of _____ having met and been constituted, (*inter alia*):—The Session proceeded to elect a representative to the ensuing meeting of Synod, when Mr. A. B., an Elder in the Session of C., was nominated and chosen; wherefore the Session did, and hereby do appoint the said A. B. to be their representative, willing him to have in view in all his actings, the best interests of the Church and the glory of God, and they authorize the Moderator or Clerk to subscribe this as his commission as their representative Elder."

(Signed) D. E., Moderator (or Clerk) as the case may be."

Wm. RINTOUL, Synod Clerk.

Montreal, 16th April, 1851.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The Presbytery of Hamilton held its ordinary meeting on the 5th and 9th instant. There was rather a small attendance, both of ministers and elders. Reports were received from the ministers appointed to dispense the Sacrament at Caledonia, the Allan Settlement, and Oneida; where the cause seems to be prospering much more than could have been anticipated under the circumstances of these congregations. A favourable report was given in by Mr. Snellic and Mr. McKinnon, from the stations at the Saugeen and Owen Sound Settlement, as to the prospects of the congregations there; and from Mr. Stark, as to the state of the congregation of Nairn Church, West Flamboro', where Mr. Wardrope has for many years past laboured with much acceptance, but whose advancing years have induced the congregation to seek the services of a catechist for the summer, that they may enjoy a more regular supply of preaching than they can

now receive. Applications were sent in from Niagara, Dunnville, and Walpole, to have the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper dispensed. The claims and wants of the Mission Stations were considered, and Mr. Young and the Moderator were appointed to apply to the Synod's Home Mission Committee for the needful labourers. Mr. Stark resigned the Conventership of the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee, and the Rev. Geo. P. Young of Hamilton was chosen in his stead. He was also chosen Convener of the Financial Committee of the Presbytery. The salaries of catechists were fixed at the same rate as in other Presbyteries, and it was agreed to call the attention of the Synod to this subject. The financial returns of the Presbytery for the past year were examined, and found to be, on the whole, satisfactory, and were referred to the Financial Committee.

The charter of Knox's College was examined carefully, and Mr. Young and Mr. Drysdale, Elder, were appointed to report the views of the Presbytery on this matter to the Presbytery of Toronto. A call from the Gaelic congregation in Woodstock and St. Andrews, transmitted by the Presbytery of London, was read and received. Parties in support of the call, and deputies from the congregation at Puslinch, for retaining Mr. Meldrum, were heard. Mr. Meldrum was also heard, and expressed his desire of leaving the matter wholly in the hands of the Presbytery; when the Presbytery, after careful deliberation, each member having expressed his opinion, came to the decision that, much as they felt for the circumstances of, and for the disappointment to, the congregations at Woodstock and St. Andrews, they found nothing in the circumstances of the case which could warrant their removing Mr. Meldrum from his present charge.

The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Hamilton, the first Monday of June, at 3 p. m.

M. Y. STARK, P. C.

Communications on the subject of the Presbytery's Home Mission business, to be in future addressed to the Rev. George Paxton-Young, Hamilton, Convener.

DRYDAS, 17th April, 1851.

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

GRAFTON, 10th April.

The Presbytery of Cobourg met at Keene, in Otanabee, on the 11th of January, for the induction of the Rev. F. Andrews, an ordained Missionary, lately sent from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland.

Mr. Andrews had only been a few weeks preaching at Keene and Asphodel, when he re-