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The Record.

THE Commission of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada will meet, by appointment of Synod, at Hamilton (in the Brick Chapel, John Street), on the 11th instant, at 12 o'clock noon.

THE Sustentation Board of the Presbyterian Church of Canada will meet by adjournment, at Hamilton (in the Brick Chapel, John Street), on the 15th instant, at two o'clock p. m.

THE Presbytery of Hamilton will meet at Hamilton (in the Brick Chapel, John Street), on the 14th inst., at 10 o'clock a. m.

MR. D. McLellan, King Street, Hamilton, has been appointed by the Presbytery of Hamilton, as agent within their bounds, for the cheap publications of the Free Church of Scotland.

MR. JAMES F. Westland, King Street, Toronto, has been appointed by the Presbytery of Toronto, as agent within their bounds, for the cheap publications of the Free Church of Scotland.

N. B.—The publisher of the *Record* earnestly requests that the subscription money for the current year be remitted to him forthwith.—He also begs that the arrears, which still remain due from several localities for the past year, be remitted immediately.

Our columns are so fully occupied with various articles of religious intelligence—several of which are of more than ordinary interest and importance—that we can barely spare room to indicate those which we deem peculiarly worthy of attention.

It will be observed, by the brief report subjoined of the *pro re nata* meeting of commission, that the Rev. Dr. Willis, of Renfield Church, Glasgow, has been sent out as deputy from the Free Church of Scotland to the Presbyterian Church of Canada, specially with a view to assist in conducting the studies of the young men attending our Theological Seminary,—a work in which his well-known theological attainments, and his experience in conducting divinity studies, will render his services particularly valuable to us. We are happy to be able to announce, that he and Mrs. Willis, who has accompanied him, have reached Toronto in good health; and that he has been engaged since his arrival, almost daily, in preaching the Gospel in various localities,—the congregations of Toronto, Hamilton, and Dundas having already, among others, enjoyed his services. After a short tour within the bounds of the Presbytery of Kingston, he will return to Toronto and enter on his labours in the College. This institution continues to prosper; various encouraging particulars respecting it were stated at a meeting of the College Committee, held at the close of the Commission's proceedings. We can only specify the permanent establishment of two Bursaries, of £10 annually

each, by Isaac Buchanan, Esq.,—the one to be styled "The John Knox Bursary;" the other, "The George Buchanan Bursary;" and the grant of two Bursaries for the current year, of £10 each, by the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, one of which is designed for the encouragement of superior attainments in the Gaelic language.

We would direct the special attention of the Church to the petition to the Legislature in regard to the remodeling of King's College, Toronto, adopted by the Commission at their meeting in Kingston. This is a matter of the last importance to the community at large, and especially to the interests of pure and undefiled religion amongst us, and we trust it will be promptly taken up and vigorously prosecuted, not only by Presbyterians, but by all who desire that this richly endowed institution be made fully available for the public good, and who would preserve the rising youth of our land from the influence of a sect hostile to evangelical truth and charity. Petitions on the subject should be prepared and signed in every locality, and all legitimate influence brought to bear on members of the legislature.

We learn with great satisfaction that a movement in behalf of Christian Union has been made in Toronto, proceeding on principles similar to those which were adopted at the Liverpool meeting. We understand that this movement is concurred in by ministers of the Presbyterian, Independent, Baptist and Methodist communions, and that one of the first fruits of it will be the delivery of a series of lectures in the city on various prominent topics connected with the spiritual, ecclesiastical, and educational interests of the country. We trust this will be followed as an example in other parts of the country, and that it may pave the way for the sending of a deputy to the great meeting in London next summer.

From the report of the proceedings of the Presbytery of Montreal it will be seen that Mr. Leishman has accepted of the call from the St. Gabriel Street Congregation; and that the Cote Street Congregation have given a most harmonious call to the Rev. Mr. Bonar.

Besides our Home Mission intelligence, which will be found interesting, we give an extract from the address of the Rev. Mr. Arnot, delivered at a recent meeting of the Commission of the Assembly, to which we invite the attention of the Church.

We have just learned that the Rev. Messrs. Begg, of Edinburgh, Stevenson, of Tullibody, and McTavish of Ballachulish, are expected immediately, and probably have already arrived on this continent, as deputies from the Free Church of Scotland.

We would direct attention to the meetings of the Commission of Synod, and of the Sustentation Board,—announced above.

The Rev. Mr. Bethune's Journal and the list of contributions to the schemes of the Church, are unavoidably deferred till our next publication.

We understand the Rev. Mr. McMillan, of Cardross, has declined the call addressed to him some time ago, by the congregation of Beckwith.

MEETING OF COMMISSION.—A *pro re nata* meeting of the Commission of Synod having been called by the Moderator to meet in Knox's Church Toronto, on the 13th ult., several members assembled, and the Moderator having explained the circumstances under which he had thought it his duty to summon their attendance on so short a notice,—his conduct in doing so was approved of—and as the special object in view, viz.—the enforcing of the call to Mr. Bonar, from the congregation of Cote Street Church, Montreal—was clearly one, in regard to which, there could be but one opinion in the Church—it was unanimously resolved that it be taken up. It was therefore resolved, that a communication be addressed by the Commission to the Free Presbytery of Sterling, urging, by a variety of arguments and considerations, their concurrence in the translation of Mr. Bonar to Montreal. A similar communication to the Free Presbytery of Glasgow, with respect to the call to the Rev. Mr. Somerville, was also agreed to. Drafts of these documents having been presented by the Moderator, were adopted and ordered to be signed and transmitted. They were accordingly forwarded by the mail just about to be made up.

We have here the pleasure of intimating, that after the Commission was constituted, the Rev. Michael Willis, D.D., one of the Ministers of the Free Church of Scotland, in Glasgow, was introduced by the Moderator, and having presented his commission as a deputy to the Presbyterian Church of Canada, was cordially welcomed by the Commission and invited to sit with them. It was agreed, with Dr. Willis' concurrence, that he should visit the vacant congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery of Kingston, before entering on those duties in the Theological College, to which he was specially designated, and in which his Theological attainments render his services peculiarly valuable.

PETITION OF COMMISSION OF SYNOD, RESPECTING KING'S COLLEGE,
Unto the Honourable the Legislative Assembly, of the Province of Canada.

The Petition of the Ministers and Elders of the Commission of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

HUMBLY SHEWETH:

That your petitioners have long been deeply impressed with a sense of the importance of a good system of education to the inhabitants of this Province; and the desirableness of a leading Seminary for the higher branches.

Your petitioners deeply regret that such a splendid endowment as that of King's College, Toronto, should not have been made more effective to the accomplishment of the original design, the mental and moral improvement of the inhabitants at large of Upper Canada; and they cannot but look with amazement on the striking contrast between the small number of students attending that Seminary and its large expenditure: knowing, as your petitioners well do, that this is by no means occasioned either by an inability or an unwillingness on the part of the people at large, to avail themselves of the advantages of a liberal education.

Your petitioners have just established by their own voluntary efforts, a Seminary for Theological education, in connexion with their own body; and