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LOOKING UNTO JESUS.

"For such a High priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens," Heb. vii. 26.

When by guilt and fears distress;
When my troubled soul seeks rest;
When *within* I look with pain,
Seeking aid *without* in vain,
Then I lift my tearful eye
To the "sinless" One on high.

When I falsely suffer blame,
Or a blight rests on my name;
Thwarted when I would do good,
When I am not understood;
May I bear the smarting rod
Like THEE, "harmless" Son of God.

When my treacherous heart has strayed,
When to die I am afraid;
Satan, whispering in my ear,
Bids me fear no help is near,
Own me, Saviour reconciled;
Cleanse me, O thou "undefiled."

When I view my whole life o'er,
As I near the eternal shore,
And no good in aught I see,
Jesus, then remember me;
Open for me heaven's gate,
Thou "from sinners separate."

Great High-priest, before the throne
Bearing guilt, but not thine own,
Can I make thy wounds my plea?
Dost Thou intercede for me?
"Higher than the heavens," thou
Seest where the lowly bow.—*Ex. Paper.*

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

The Presbytery of Brockville will hold its next ordinary meeting in Spencerville, on the first Tuesday of November next, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

JOHN McMURRAY, *Pres. Clerk.*

SYNODICAL COLLECTIONS FOR THE YEAR,

1. For the French Canadian Missionary Society, on the 3rd Sabbath of July.
2. For the Buxton Mission and Synod Fund, on the 3rd Sabbath of October.
3. For the Foreign Missions of the Free Church of Scotland, on the 3rd Sabbath of Jan'y.
4. For the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, on the 3rd Sabbath of April.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The Presbytery of London met at London according to appointment, on the 11th ulto. Almost all the Ministers were present, but comparatively few of the elders.

The following were the chief items of business which engaged the attention of the Presbytery.

A Report was given in by the Rev. Mr. Ross in regard to the address on the subject of Temperance; to the effect that said address was now in the hands of the printer, and would soon be ready for circulation.

The Report of the Committee appointed with reference to Port Stanley, was given in and received. The call to Mr. Doak from Port Stanley was also taken up, when the Presbytery agreed to sustain it, and directed the same to be presented to Mr. Doak. The Clerk of Presbytery was authorized in the event of Mr. Doak's acceptance of the call, to prescribe subjects for his ordination trials, that the same might be delivered at the ordinary meeting of Presbytery in January.

Reports were given in regard to the fulfillment of Presbyterial appointments. These had been fulfilled with one or two exceptions, which were satisfactorily accounted for.

The Rev. Mr. Wallace and the Rev. Mr. Tormie reported that in accordance with the appointment of Presbytery, they had organized the Congregation of Port Burwell, and that the prospects were very favourable.

The Presbytery took up a petition from Ingersoll, praying that the labours of Mr. Wallace which are at present divided between Ingersoll and Beachville, might be confined to Ingersoll. A memorial from Beachville was read, praying for the continuance of Mr. Wallace's labours in that village. After mature deliberation the Presbytery found that from the circumstances of the Congregation at Ingersoll, Mr. Wallace's services must ultimately be confined to that place, but that to avoid haste in such an important matter, the final decision should be deferred until next ordinary meeting.

The Lobo and Williams case was taken up; after deliberation it was agreed that in the meantime the arrangement in regard to the distribution of the Pastor's services remain unaltered.

The Presbytery at the same time enjoined the congregations of Williams and Lobo to submit at the meeting in January, a full statement of all arrears due to the Pastor, and the amount of stipend contributed during the year 1854.

A call from Saugeen in favour of the Rev. Mr. McNaughton, was laid on the table. The Presbytery, after hearing a statement from the Rev. W. S. Ball, agreed to overlook, in the special circumstances of the case, an irregularity in regard to the moderation of the call, and to sustain it, directing the Clerk to transmit said call to Mr. McNaughton, and in the event of his acceptance of the same, to appoint Mr. McNaughton subjects for trial with a view to his speedy induction.

The Elders of the Presbytery, by way of following up the movement begun by the Elders at the meeting of Synod, submitted an Address on the subject of Ministerial support, which they proposed to publish and distribute amongst the members and adherents of the Church within the bounds of the Presbytery. The Presbytery expressed their approbation of the measure, and having heard the address agreed to give their sanction to it.

The Committee on Lay Agency, within the bounds of the Presbytery, gave in a Report which was sustained by the Presbytery, and in terms thereof the Presbytery appointed Mr. W. Clarke, of London, to be Lay Agent for the purpose of visiting destitute localities, mission-stations, &c., assisting in organizing Congregations, calling their attention to the various schemes of the Church, and encouraging the circulation of Religious Periodicals, especially the *Missionary Record*, forming Sabbath Schools, &c. The Presbytery assigned Mr. Clarke, for the time during which he shall be occupied, a salary at the rate of £100 per annum, together with travelling expenses, and appointed the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery to direct him in regard to the apportionment of his services, adding to this Committee Messrs. T. McPherson, and W. King.

The Presbytery appointed a Committee to examine the Students within their bounds before proceeding to College. The Committee subsequently reported that they had examined Mr. Archibald Stewart, an entrant, and Messrs. Alexander McKay and James Campbell, who had previously attended Knox's College. The Presbytery authorized certificates to be given to these students accordingly.

The Presbytery agreed to overture the Synod in favour of the establishment of a system of Colportage. Messrs. McColl, King, and McLaren were appointed a Committee to prepare an overture on the subject, and advocate the same at the meeting of Synod.

The Presbytery appointed the ordinance of the Lord's Supper to be dispensed at Fergus on the last Sabbath of October, by Mr. McKenzie, and at Howard on the second Sabbath of November, by Mr. King, assisted by Mr. McLaren.

The Presbytery agreed to appoint a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God for the mercies