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Meeting of the Record and Agency Committees.

The Record and Agency Committees are requested to meet in the Library of Knox's College, Toronto, on Wednesday, 4th May, at 11 o'clock, forenoon.
ALEX. GALE, Convener.

MEETING OF SYNOD.

The Annual Meeting of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada will be held (D. V.) in the City of Hamilton, and within Knox's Church, on Wednesday, the eighth day of June, 1853, at Three o'clock, p. m., and will be opened with Sermon by the Moderator. (See last page.)

SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Synod's Committee on Sabbath Schools, will be held (D. V.) in Kingston, on the first Wednesday of May, at the hour of ten o'clock, A. M.

WILLIAM GREGG, Convener.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The next ordinary meeting of the Presbytery of London, will be held in St. Andrew's Church, London, on the second Wednesday of May, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

JOHN SCOTT, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

The Presbytery will meet in Cobourg on the Monday previous to the meeting of Synod.

J. W. SMITH, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

The next meeting of this Presbytery is appointed to be held in Kingston, on the first Tuesday of May, at the hour of 10 A. M.

WILLIAM GREGG, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery is appointed to be held within St. Gabriel Street Church, Montreal, on Wednesday, 4th May, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

D. FRASER, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

Next ordinary meeting will be held in Knox's College, on Wednesday, the 18th of May, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

THOMAS WIGHTMAN, Clerk.

KNOX'S COLLEGE LIBRARY.

Ministers and others who have out Books from the Library of Knox's College, will oblige, by sending, at their earliest opportunity, all Books that have been out for more than six months

JOHN LAING, Librarian.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The business before this Court on the 13th and 14th April, was partly of a routine nature. The Home Mission Field within the bounds was defined, and the claims of vacant charges and mission stations particularly considered.

The case of Oro and Orillia formerly submitted, was taken up, and after mature deliberation the Presbytery unanimously agreed to the prayer of the petitioners, embodied in resolutions formerly submitted, and in terms thereof declare that from this date Mr. Gray's pastoral charge shall be limited to the townships of Oro and Orillia.

Mr. L. McMillan, missionary catechist, has been appointed to labour, till the Synod, in Oro (in Gaelic) with liberty to extend his services in English, to Medonto and Flos. Mr. H. Brown, missionary catechist, has been appointed to labour in Innisfil and Barrie till the Synod.

A petition from Eldon, praying that a member of Presbytery be appointed to moderate in a call to Mr. McMillan of Caledon, was read. Mr. Ure of Streetsville was accordingly appointed to preach at Thorah and Eldon, on Sabbath, the 1st of May, and to moderate in the call on the Monday or Tuesday following. The Clerk to write to Beaverton that intimation may be duly given.

The next meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in the usual place, on Wednesday, the 18th May, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to dispose of said call, and for any other competent business.

T. WIGHTMAN, Pres. Clerk.

[FOR THE RECORD.]

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON—MISSIONARY MEETINGS.

It was agreed at the last meeting of the Presbytery of London that it should be divided into three divisions for missionary meetings, under the names of the Western, Middle, and Eastern sections, and as I was connected with the second of these, I send you this account of our

proceedings. We held meetings successively in Brucefield, Egmondville, Williams, Lobo, London, Fingal, Dunwich, Aldboro', Wardsville, Ekfrid, Mosa, St. Thomas, and Yarmouth. The attendance and collections were good. It was striking to notice in Williams the congregation assembled in a large temporary log church, near the frame building in which they were wont to worship the God of their fathers, but from which they have been ruthlessly ejected. In this world Christ's cause, like himself, is frequently in the state of humiliation, but it is only for a season, and the time of triumph is coming. At Lobo there is a well finished church. The charge is so extensive that it would require two ministers. At Fingal there is a neat church with a spire, but no pastor. There the deputation was joined by one of the probationers, who gave an excellent address on missions. We were hospitably entertained by R. Blackwood, Esq. The same evening we went on to Dunwich.

We were sorry to see at Aldboro' the same old weather-beaten church which we had seen years ago, but we hope they will proceed, ere long, with a new building. Wardsville, to the north of Aldboro', is a beautiful village even in winter, in summer it must have quite a picturesque appearance. All its churches are tastefully situated, but sorry were we to see one of them surmounted by the cross. The ecclesiastical meridian must be warm in this place, as there were two missionary meetings on the same day—ours in the afternoon, and the Methodists in the evening. Ekfrid has a beautiful church, with its crimson-coloured pulpit. Mosa has a log building of rather ancient appearance, but capable of containing many people. When we think on it, the words of the Psalmist rise to view—

"Lo, at the place of Ephratah,
Of it we understood,
And we did find it in the fields,
And city of the wood."

Words, which may well be sung with great pathos by the emigrant as, thousands of miles from the fatherland, he alights now and again on the tabernacle rearing its humble head in a wooden country. This charge is also so extensive that it requires another minister.

Having left Mosa, Mr. McPherson, of Williams, and I proceeded to Carradoc, one of our mission stations, and, after service in both languages, the congregation was organized. The people agreed to erect a church, and sent £5 to the Home Mission fund.

Our meetings commenced on the 1st February, and terminated on the 16th. And we, and others, have reason to bless the Lord for them, as also to acknowledge His protection in going out and coming in. The scene is over, but to many the recollection is sweet. The people were deeply attentive to the services, and we administered baptism in some very interesting and affecting circumstances. In another paper I may give an account of our second meeting in Wardsville.
W. GRAHAM.

TUCKERSMITH, April 2, 1853.