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PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held in Cobourg on the last Tuesday of September, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

JAMES BOWIE, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held in the usual place of meeting, in Toronto, on Wednesday, 2nd Sept., at 11 a. m. Session Records and Quarterly Returns will be called for.

T. WIGHTMAN, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE AND OTTAWA.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held in the City of Ottawa, on the first Tuesday in September, at 7 o'clock, p. m.

S. C. FRASER, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held at Hamilton within Knox's Church there, on the 22nd Sept., at 2 o'clock, p. m.

M. Y. STARR, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held at London, on the first Tuesday of October, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

J. SCOTT, *Pres. Clerk.*

AGENCY COMMITTEE.

A meeting of this Committee will be held in the Library of Knox's Church, Toronto, on 2nd September, at 7 o'clock, p. m.

W. GREGG, *Convener, pro tem.*

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

The usual half-yearly meeting of this Committee will be held in the Library of Knox's Church, Toronto, on Wednesday, 14th October, at 7 o'clock, p. m.

W. RIND, *Convener.*

KNOX'S COLLEGE.

OPENING OF SESSION.—The Session 1857-8 will commence on Wednesday, 14th October. The opening address will be delivered by Principal Willis, in the College Hall, on the day mentioned, at 11 o'clock, a. m. It is earnestly requested that all students be present at the commencement of the Session.

Proceedings of Presbyteries, &c.

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

This Presbytery met at Cobourg, on the 4th of August.

A letter was read from the Rev. George Cuthbertson, declining the call to Percy and Seymour.

The Rev. William Windell having accepted the call to Carleton Place and Manvers, it was arranged that his induction take place on Wednesday, the 30th of September. The Rev. W. Blain was appointed to serve the edict. Mr. Douglass to preach preside, and address the minister, and Mr. John Smith to address the people.

Mr. McLeod was appointed to visit Bethesda Church.

As there was no missionary at Percy, it was agreed to apply to the Convener of the Home Mission Committee, for one to supply in the meantime.

JAMES BOWIE, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

Last meeting of this Presbytery was held at Picton on the 4th of August, 1857.

Mr. Wilson moved, "That henceforward, the Roll of the Presbytery be examined at the first regular meeting after the meeting of Synod,

that Sessions which may not have the name of any elder on the roll, be put in mind of their privilege and duty, to have some one appointed to represent them, and that elders who are members of Presbytery, when absent from two successive meetings, be corresponded with by the Clerk, in respect to their absence." The motion was agreed to.

The Rev. J. Hume was appointed Moderator until the first regular meeting after the next meeting of Synod.

Reports of special appointments and committees were called for. The Moderator reported that he had preached at Belleville on the first Sabbath of July, and declared the Church vacant. Mr. Wilson reported that Chalmers' Church, Kingston, had been supplied. Mr. Thomson reported that Belleville had also been supplied. The committees of supply were continued.

An application of Rev. S. B. Shaw, (lately ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland), for admission into the Presbyterian Church of Canada, tendered at last meeting of Synod, was then taken up. It was moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Chambers, "That the Presbytery, being fully satisfied with Mr. Shaw's credentials, agree to apply to the Synod for leave to admit him into this Church, and instruct the Clerk to issue the circular letter: also, that they agree further to report and recommend him to the Home Mission Committee, to be employed as a missionary in connection with this Church, and instruct the Clerk to request that he be permitted to labor within the bounds of this Presbytery until October next." The motion was unanimously agreed to.

The Clerk was instructed to apply to the Home Mission Committee, at their meeting, on the first of October next, for two missionaries to labour within their bounds.

The following resolution, moved by Mr. Wilson, and seconded by Mr. Thomson, was adopted by the Presbytery:

Resolved, "That whereas there exists some difference of opinion and practice, in reference to certain public and fashionable amusements; and, at the present time, when such amusements have become so frequent, it is important, that there may be no misunderstanding as to how they are regarded by this Presbytery, to declare distinctly to all Sessions, members, and adherents, within their bounds,—and the Presbytery do hereby declare, that in their opinion, gaming, horse-racing, public balls, circuses, and theatres, are decidedly injurious to morality and vital godliness, and ought not to be engaged in, attended upon, nor in any way countenanced by the members of the Church, as staining the purity of christian character, offending pious brethren, and bringing scandal upon the Church, as well as endangering their own safety; and further, all Sessions connected with this Presbytery, are hereby enjoined to be diligent in watching over their respective