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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 BROCKVILLE.

The Presbytery of Brockville will hold its next ordinary meeting in Prescott, on the first Tuesday of August next, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

JOHN McMURRAY, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery is appointed to be held at Kingston, on the first Wednesday of July next, at 9 o'clock, a. m.

W. GREG, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF PERTH.

The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery will be held at Bytown, on the evening of the second Tuesday in September.

S. C. FRASER, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Cobourg, held on the 13th June, a unanimous call from the congregation of North Cavan, was presented to Rev. W. Blain, which he accepted. Mr. Blain's ordination was appointed to take place at Cavan, on the first Tuesday of July, at eleven o'clock, a. m. Mr. Blain has been labouring among the people of Cavan since the month of April, and the people are very harmonious in their choice.

J. W. SMITH, Pres. Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF SYNOD.

The Synod met, according to appointment, on Wednesday, the 14th ult. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. T. Wightman, from Rev. i. 13—"And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of Man." The sermon was an impressive and edifying one; and the thanks of the Synod were subsequently tendered to Mr. Wightman.

The Rev. Henry Gordon, of Gananoque, was unanimously and cordially called to be Moderator for the year, and, on taking the chair, delivered an interesting and impressive address.

The evening diet of Wednesday was occupied by the Synod in devotional exercises, which were conducted by the Moderator, Dr. Burns, Rev. J. W. Smith, Rev. A. Melville, and Professor Young.

On meeting again on Thursday morning, the Synod proceeded to name the various committees for examining records, reporting on the accounts of the Church, &c. A committee was appointed to draw up a minute, expressive of the feelings of the Synod, with reference to the loss sustained by the Church, in the removal of Mr. Gale, the late Moderator of Synod. The committee, at another diet, submitted the following minute, which was adopted by the Synod:—

The Synod has the painful duty of recording the decease, since its last meeting, of their esteemed and beloved father and brother, the Rev. Alexander Gale, who held the honorable position of their Moderator for the current year.

Many bereavements have of late afflicted our Zion, but none, it is believed, has been more deeply felt, or was fitted to have a more solemnizing influence throughout the Church, than the lamented death of one who was so intimately connected with her origin and progress in this land—to whose practical wisdom, patient industry, anxious and prayerful solicitude, and many and faithful labors she has been, under the blessing of the Divine Head, so much indebted. He took a lead in her first organization—participated in her early difficulties and discouragements—prayed and labored for her prosperity, and yet, while witnessing her outward extension and progress, took a prominent part in that measure which many dreaded as the death-blow to the Presbyterian cause in this land, but which he, together with others, strong in faith, convinced that the path of principle and of duty is the only path of true policy, resolved to hazard, in the assurance, that the Lord would overrule all for good; and he had his reward in seeing our Church come forth from the trial, purified, and inspired with new life, devotedness and efficiency.

It would be unsuitable here to give a narrative of Mr. Gale's life and devoted labors in the

cause of Christ, or even to give a minute delineation of his character. But his brethren of the Synod feel themselves called on to put on record their high sense of his many estimable qualities as a man—his substantial talents—his fine business habits—his extensive acquirements, and, in some respects, peculiar gifts as a minister of the gospel, and especially the deep and simple piety, and the earnest, unselfish devotedness, which, amid many trials and sacrifices, remarkably characterized the later period of his ministry. Together with great mildness and urbanity of manner, he exhibited much firmness of purpose, the result of strong convictions, and a deep concern for the prevalence of sound principles and of vital godliness.

His brethren who knew him, feel that they have lost in him a valued friend. Our congregations, amongst whom he was extensively known, mourn over him as one whose presence and ministrations were evory to them, and whose remembrance is precious. The Church at large feels that a master in Israel has fallen; one on whose counsels they readily relied; in whose singleness and firmness of purpose they placed so much confidence, and whose ready co-operation and willing labors they so freely obtained in every good work.

May the Lord overrule this bereavement to his own glory, and teach his people that while they may not trust in means or in instruments, but in God only, they ought to be diligent and faithful in His work while the day lasts, for the night cometh when no man can work.

In conclusion, the Synod would express their deep sympathy with the afflicted widow and family of the departed. It is their earnest prayer that the Lord may take them under his peculiar care, sanctify to them this present trying dispensation of His providence, and keep them by his almighty power through faith unto salvation.

The College Report was also read, and a committee appointed to consider various points embraced in it, and report on these to the Synod. The Report referred to the late successful session, during which forty students were in attendance, and reviewed the progress of the Institution from its commencement.

A considerable portion of the Synod's time, on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, was taken up in the consideration of an appeal from a decision of the Presbytery of Toronto, with reference to the use of 'ho church in King, by the Gaelic portion of the congregation. The following is the decision to which the Synod came in this case, after lengthened discussion:

Dismiss the complaint and appeal, and sustain the decision of the Presbytery appealed against, but with the view of furnishing directions to the Presbytery in the further management of the case, with reference to the points about which a differ-