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THE GLORY AND GOODNESS OF GOD.

Oh worship the King, all glorious above!
Oh gratefully sing his power and his love!
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of days,
Pavilioned in splendour, and guided with praise.
Oh tell of his might! Oh sing of his grace!
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Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space:
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds form;
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty thy power hath founded of old,
Hath established fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.
Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite!
It breathes in the air, it shines in the night,
It streams from the hill, it descends to the plain
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Fraught children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!
Oh-meariless might! ineffable love!
While angels delight to hymn thee above,
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration, shall hup to thy praise.

SIR R. GRANT.

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will take place at London, on the second Wednesday of January, 1855, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

JOHN SCOTT, Pres. Clerk

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

The Presbytery of Brockville will hold its next ordinary meeting at Prescott, on the first Tuesday of February, 1855, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

JOHN McMURRAY, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF PERTH.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held at Perth, on the second Tuesday of January, 1855, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

S. C. FRASER, Pres. Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will take place at Cobourg, on Tuesday, the 9th January, 1855, at 9½ o'clock, A. M.

J. W. SMITH, Pres. Clerk.

The following missionary meetings will be held during the month of January, viz:—

Cobourg—Monday, 8th January.
Grafton and Coldsprings—Tuesday, 9th.
Bainmore and Colborne—Wednesday, 10th.
Trenton—Thursday, 11th.
Murray—Friday, 12th.

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

At Toronto the 31st day of October, the Home Mission Committee met, and was constituted. Sederunt, Mr. Ure: Convener. Dr. Burns: Mr. J. M. Roger, Mr. Gregg, Mr. W. King, Mr. McRuar, Mr. Reid, and several other members.

Letters were read from the various Presbyteries, stating the number of missionaries they required in order to give some measure of supply to the vacant congregations and stations during the winter. From these communications it appears, that even at the lowest rate of allowance, 25 missionaries would be required. There were, however, only 12 on the list of the Committee.

The Committee proceeded to distribute the missionaries, when the following allocation was made:—

To the Presbytery of Montreal, Messrs Crombie and Kede; Presbytery of Perth, Mr. Troup; Presbytery of Brockville, Mr. Chambers; Presbytery of Kingston, Mr. McMeekia; Presbytery of Cobourg, Mr. Thomson; Presbytery of Hamilton, Messrs Pirie, Tait, and McCaughey; Presbytery of London, Messrs. Walker, McPatrick, Currie, McKay.

After some conversation with reference to the Red River Mission, the Committee was closed with prayer.

SPECIAL MEETING OF SYNOD.

The Synod met according to the call of the Moderator, in Knox's College, on the 1st day of November, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The meeting having been constituted by prayer, the Moderator, (Rev. Henry Gordon) gave a statement of the circumstances which had led to the calling of this special meeting; whereupon it was moved, seconded, and agreed to, that the Synod approve of the conduct of the Moderator in calling this meeting.

Thereafter the minutes of the College Building Committee and other papers were read. After some time spent in conference on the subject of the tenure of the College property, the Synod adjourned to meet at half-past three in Knox's Church.

The Synod accordingly met at half-past three, in Knox's Church, and continued the discussion, which, after another adjournment, was resumed at seven o'clock. The following Resolutions were after lengthened discussion unanimously adopted:—

1. That the property to be acquired for the erection of the College shall be held in trust, and managed by seven Trustees. After the first year two shall retire annually, but may be re-elected according to the following provisions.

2. That such Trustees shall be elected in manner following, that is to say, each congregation on the roll of the Synod shall on or before the 1st day of May in each and every year, make choice of one individual, being a member of the Church, whose name shall be returned to the Synod Clerk on or before the 1st day of June. That on the first day of the annual meeting of the Synod, the Synod shall nominate a Committee composed of an equal number of ministers and elders, which Committee shall forthwith proceed to elect from among the individuals named by the various congregations, the necessary number of Trustees.

3. That in the event of one-third or more of the congregations of this Church, or of the ministers and congregations together seceding at one time, professing to carry out more faithfully the principles of the Protest made at Kingston in 1844, there shall be an equitable division of the College property according to the number of adherents and the amount at first contributed. Such division to be made by Arbitrators mutually chosen.

4. That a Committee be appointed to prepare, after taking such legal advice as they may think proper, a draft of a deed in accordance with the foregoing Resolutions, such draft to be submitted at the meeting of Synod in June next. The Committee to consist of J. McMurrich, Esq., (Convener); Dr. Willis; Professor Young; Dr. Burns; Mr. Lowry; J. Fisher, Esq.; J. Shaw, Esq.; Mr. Gregg; P. Dallas, Esq.; Mr. Ure; Mr. Reid; John Shaw, Esq.; and Samuel Spreull, Esq.

Thereafter the Synod adopted a Petition to the Legislature on the subject of the Clergy