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**PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.**—A *pro re nata* meeting of this Presbytery will be held at Hamilton, on Monday, the 13th inst., at noon, to take into consideration a call to the Rev. Dr. Ferrier. M. Y. STARK, Clerk.

**KNOX'S CHURCH, HAMILTON.**—This new place of worship will be opened, D. V., on Sabbath, the 12th inst. Due notice will be given respecting the order of the services on the occasion, and the ministers by whom they are to be conducted.

**MODEL TRUST DEED.**—The legal gentleman who kindly undertook the preparation of this document having been called away to attend to parliamentary duties before it was completed, we are still unable to lay it before the Church. It will, however, be ready for publication soon.

**REV. DR. WILLIS.**—This eminent Divine and able minister of the New Testament, has been closely engaged for some time past, in our Theological College, where his lectures and instructions have been highly appreciated by all concerned. The sacrifices which he has made to serve our Church, at the present crisis, have laid us under peculiar obligations to him. He purposes to be at London on Sabbath the 5th inst., and he has kindly agreed to take part in the services at the opening of Knox's Church, Hamilton, on the 12th inst., after which, we understand, that he and Mrs. Willis will direct their course homeward.

**REV. W. C. BURNS.**—This devoted servant of the Lord, after spending some time at Kingston and in its vicinity, has recently visited Toronto, where he has preached several times with much acceptance. The students connected with our Theological Seminary have also had the privilege of special addresses from him. On Sabbath, the 29th ult., he was to preach at Acton in Esqueving, and perhaps, some of the adjoining stations. He intends to proceed thence to visit some of the stations in the Presbytery of Hamilton; purposing, D. V., to be at London on Sabbath the 12th inst.

The Rev. Dr. Burns has lately made a missionary tour among the Owen's Sound settlements, where we doubt not his services have proved very acceptable and cheering to the population.

**COMMITTEES ON UNION.**—The committees of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church and of the Missionary Synod met at Hamilton on the 18th ult. The minutes of their proceedings will be found in this No., but no very distinct idea can be formed from it of the interesting and lengthened discussion which took place on the occasion. This discussion was conducted in the most friendly spirit, turning mainly on the question of Christ's Headship over the nations—or the duty of nations as such to re-

cognise him as their Lord and King—to acknowledge the authority of His Revelation—to conform their laws and administration to his will—and to honour, protect and cherish his word and ordinances, as lying at the foundation of all confidence and duty in civil society.

**ST GABRIEL STREET CHURCH, MONTREAL.**—ORDINATION.—On Wednesday, 4th ult., the Presbytery of Montreal, in connexion with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, met in St. Gabriel st. Church for the Ordination of the Rev. Wm. Leishman. The Rev. James Begg, one of the Deputies from the Free Church of Scotland, preached an able and eloquent sermon; and the Rev. Thos. Henry, of Lachine, in the absence of the Moderator, presided at the Ordination, and delivered suitable and impressive addresses on the respective duties of the Minister and congregation. A public meeting of the Presbytery was also held in the evening, for the purpose of hearing from Mr. Begg an account of the recent progress of the Free Church in the Mother Country. A large congregation assembled and listened with deep attention to the graphic and interesting details which were communicated by the Rev. gentleman.

We understand the ladies of the congregation of St. Gabriel Street Church have presented their new Pastor with an elegant pulpit-gown, in token of their respect on his entering on the duties of Pastor of the congregation.

**RAMSAY.**—We are happy to learn that the Rev. W. G. Johnstone was inducted to the charge of this large and flourishing congregation on the 24th of February last. The Lord's Supper was dispensed among them on the first of last month, and there is reason to hope that it was a refreshing season. There was an addition to the Church of thirty-nine members, and the number in full communion now is one hundred and seventy-eight. It is believed that the Lord is beginning to pour out his life-giving spirit on that interesting region.

The greatest kindness and hospitality have been shewn to the minister since he came among them. In addition to many marks of regard, the young gentlemen of the congregation lately presented him with one of the finest horses in that quarter, and the ladies with three elegantly fitted up Buffalo Robes. May the Divine blessing accompany the labours of the Pastor, and make the congregation as a well watered garden and a field which the Lord hath blessed.

**PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.**—We understand that on the 26th of February last the Presbytery of Kingston met at Perth for the ordination of the Rev. Andrew Melville, and his admission as minister of the Presbyterian congregation there. The Rev. Mr. Goggie preached and presided on that occasion. The Rev. Mr. Johnstone, of Ramsay, gave the charge to the minister; and the Rev. Mr. Wardrope, of Blytown, addressed the congregation.

The Rev. Mr. Luke is called to the congregation of Bellamy's mills, and the Rev. Mr. Corbett to the congregation of Pembroke.

The Presbyterians at Beck with were organized into a congregation on the 10th of this month. They are anxious, if possible, to have the services of a minister who is acquainted with the Gaelic language. There is a large field of labour here, and every prospect of prosperity and comfort, through God's blessing, were they supplied with a suitable Pastor. We hope the Great Head of the Church will provide for them in his own good time, and for other destitute places in the extensive region around.

The Presbytery of Kingston is now without a single missionary, although there are many vacant congregations and stations which would most gladly receive regular supply.

**CALEDONIA.**—CALL TO DR. FERRIER.—On Tuesday the 24th ult., a very harmonious call was given by the congregation of Caledonia to the Rev. Dr. Ferrier, to become their Pastor. The Rev. Mr. Gale moderated on the occasion, and the call having been signed by every member and adherent present, was left for further signatures with the committee of management. There is a large Presbyterian population in this rising village and the surrounding settlements—and they have manifested the utmost cordiality and decision in the step which they have just taken.

**MEETING OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, AND OF THE MISSIONARY SYNOD OF THE SECESSION CHURCH AT HAMILTON, 18TH MARCH, 1846.**

The Committees appointed by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church and the Missionary Synod, on the subject of union of the two bodies, met. On the part of the former Synod, were present,—Messrs. A. Gale (convener), M. Y. Stark and J. Bayne, ministers, and Messrs. William McMillan and William Kyle, elders; and on the part of the Missionary Synod, Messrs. William Proudfoot (convener), T. Christie, R. H. Thornton and Jas. Roy, ministers, and Robert Christie, Esq., and Mr. Walter Chisholm, elders.

The Rev. Mr. Proudfoot was called to the chair, and the meeting was constituted by prayer. The Rev. Mr. Gale was appointed Clerk.

The minutes of the former meeting of the Committees were then read.

Statements were then read by the respective conveners of the committees respecting the questions suggested in the minutes of last meeting; and, after a lengthened conference on the subject of endowments for religion by the civil magistrate, as connected with the doctrine of the Headship of Christ over the nations and the great end of civil government, it was agreed to adjourn till to-morrow, at nine o'clock.

**MARCH 19, 1846.**—The committees met pursuant to adjournment, and the meeting was constituted with prayer. Sederunt—Messrs. William Proudfoot (Chairman), Thomas Christie, R. H. Thornton, James Roy, Mark Y. Stark, John Bayne and Alexander Gale, ministers; and Messrs. Robert Christie and William McMillan, elders.

The committees considering that there is a difference of opinion in regard to the points on which written statements, prepared by the two committees, were read and discussed yesterday, and apprehending that such difference may originate in some diversity of sentiment respecting the Headship of Christ over the nations, agreed to enter more fully into the views held in regard to this doctrine.

After full conference, it was resolved, that, in order to bring out the views of the committees more fully on various points, for the information of their respective Synods, statements of the views and principles held by the committees severally, respecting the following points, be prepared and interchanged by them, through their conveners, on or before the third Wednesday of May, for the purpose of being transmitted to their respective Synods at their first meeting:

*Points on which Explanations of the Views and Principles of the Committees are mutually desired:*

1. Definition of Christ's Headship over the nations, as distinguished from His Headship over the Church.
2. Province of the civil magistrate.
3. Is national recognition of Christ's Headship over the nations a duty; and if so, in what form is it to be made?
4. Duties of the civil magistrate: 1. As to the recognition of the authority of Revelation, and its