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PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held in Toronto, on Wednesday, 6th day of January, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

T. WHEATMAN, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held in Montreal, on the fourth Wednesday of January, 1858.

A. F. KEMP, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

The next meeting of this Presbytery will be held at Belleville, on the second Tuesday of January, 1858, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

J. A. THOMSON, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held at London, on the first Tuesday of January, 1858, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

J. SCOTT, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The next ordinary meeting of this Presbytery will be held at Hamilton, on the second Tuesday of January, 1858, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

M. Y. STANK, *Pres. Clerk.*

COLLECTION FOR FOREIGN MISSION.

The Collection for the Foreign Mission, according to the appointment of Synod, will be made on the second Sabbath of January.

REMITTANCE OF MONEYS TO THIS OFFICE.

Parties remitting money to this office will please to express the amount in *dollars and cents.*

A Post Office order is the safest mode of remitting. When a letter contains money it should be registered.

SABBATH—SIMULTANEOUS PREACHING THIRD SABBATH IN JANUARY.

The Ministers of our Church are respectfully reminded that the *third Sabbath* in January, 1858, (17th of the month) was recommended by our last Synod, as a day of simultaneous preaching on the subject of the Sabbath.

ROBT. F. BURNS,

Convener of Synod's Com. on Sab.

Office of Ecclesiastical and Missionary Record, &c.

The Offices of the *Record* and of the Schemes of the Church, have been removed to King Street, second door West of Toronto Street, over the Book Store of Mr. Bain.

THE RECORD.—All possible care is taken in addressing and mailing the *Record*. Should any irregularity occur in any quarter, in the receipt of the *Record*, intimation should be sent at once to this office, in order that the irregularity may be remedied.

All communications connected with the *Record* and the *Several Schemes of the Church*, to be addressed to "REV. W. REID, OFFICE OF THE MISSIONARY AND ECCLESIASTICAL RECORD," King Street, Toronto. .

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications intended for the *Record*, should be in the Editor's hands by the 15th of the month.

THE RECORD—REDUCTION OF PRICE.

Subscriptions for the present volume at the rate of 2s. 6d., will still be received up to 1st March. We earnestly request all interested to send forward the names of subscribers with their subscriptions. We are glad to state that there has been a very considerable increase in the circulation, but we have no doubt that in most congregations the list might be still farther extended.

Those in arrears will please to remit the amount due. Accounts have been sent to several places, and they will be sent in the course of this month to other places. Subscribers, however, who are in arrears need not wait for accounts, but remit at once.

The sum of 3s. 9d. per volume for arrears will be taken until 1st March, after which, according to the former terms of subscription 4s. 6d. will be charged. We can still supply to a few subscribers the November and December numbers.

EXTRACTS FROM ANSWERS TO QUERIES ON THE SABBATH.

Query I. Does Sabbath visiting prevail to any extent in your locality; or fishing, hunting, or any kindred amusements?

1.—"Sabbath visiting prevails to some extent; but very rarely is any one seen fishing or hunting. None of these prevail in the congregation."

2.—"Very little Sabbath visiting, so far as I know. No fishing, hunting, nor any kindred amusements."

3.—"I think that Sabbath visiting is very common. This may be accounted for partly from the fact that there are around this place a great many of the class of persons known by the name of Friends, who hold very erroneous views respecting the Sabbath. I am not aware that the practice of fishing is carried on to any extent, but I am informed that the sons of many farmers are in the habit on the Sabbath of going out with their guns to enjoy themselves."

4.—"There is some visiting in the neighborhood on the Lord's Day. I am not aware that fishing, hunting, &c., are attended to, in any great degree."

5.—"Sabbath visiting prevails to a lamentable extent; also, amusements are common among the young, especially in the more public thoroughfares."

6.—"Visiting, a practice peculiarly Canadian, prevails to some extent in this locality, though not, in general, to the neglect of the public worship. Fishing, hunting, &c., are not practiced to any extent, except by Roman Catholics."

7.—"Sabbath visiting is somewhat common with certain classes of the community. I do not think it prevails among professed Presbyterians. I am not aware that fishing or hunting is followed at all on the Sabbath;