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THE BIBLE.

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What is the world!—a wildering maze,
Where sin hath track'd ten thousand ways,
Her victims to ensnare;
All broad, and winding, and aslope,
All tempting with perfidious hope,
All ending in despair.

Millions of pilgrims throng those roads,
Bearing their haubts, or their loads,
Down to eternal night
One humble path that never bends,
Narrow, and rough, and steep, ascends
From darkness into light

Is there a Guide to show that path?
The Bible:—He alone, who hath
The Bible, need not stray
Yet he who hath, and will not give,
That heavenly Guide to all that live,
Himself shall lose the way
—Montgomery.

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 January.
4. For the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans Fund, on the 3rd Sabbath of April.

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery is appointed to be held within St. Gabriel Street Church, Montreal, on Wednesday, 7th Sep., at 10 o'clock, A. M.

D. FRASER, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

Next ordinary meeting of Presbytery will be held in the usual place, on the first Wednesday of September, at 11 o'clock, A. M., when the Records of the various Sessions within the bounds will be called for.

T. WIGHTMAN, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

The next ordinary meeting of Presbytery is appointed to be held at Belleville, on the first Wednesday of September, at 12 o'clock, noon.

W. GREGG, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

The next meeting of Presbytery is appointed to be held at Peterboro', on the third Tuesday of September.

J. W. SMITH, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The next ordinary meeting of the Presbytery of London, will be held in St. Andrew's Church, London, in October next.

JOHN SCOTT, *Pres. Clerk.*

SYNOD'S HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

A meeting of this Committee was held on the call of the Convener, at Hamilton, on the 8th ult. Only a few members were in attendance, and the objects of the meeting were, in consequence, only partially attained. It was agreed, however, that the Rev. Mr. Gale, in his capacity of Superintendent, be authorised, first, to correspond with Presbyteries, for the purpose of obtaining more full and definite information as to the Statistics of the Home Mission field; and, secondly, to correspond with Presbyteries also, for the purpose of ascertaining whether they are prepared to enter into the plan formerly sanctioned by the Committee, of uniting in an effort to procure a more adequate supply of probationers, as missionaries, from the Free Church of Scotland, and the Presbyterian Church of Ireland; ascertaining in particular the willingness of Presbyteries to contribute an outfit (say £25, H. C.) for each probationer who might be designated to their bounds, and the number whose outfit each Presbytery would undertake to defray.

The name of the Rev. William Meldrum was transmitted by the Presbytery of Hamilton to the Committee, as a minister at their disposal for missionary purposes. Mr. Meldrum was receiv-

ingly received as a missionary, and on application, his services were assigned to the Presbytery of Toronto for the present.

The Rev. A. J. Macaulay, a minister designated by the Colonial Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland as a Missionary to Canada, presented himself to the Committee, having just arrived in the country. He exhibited satisfactory testimonials, and was advised to apply to some Presbytery of this Church for admission, according to the act of Synod in that matter; being apprised, at the same time, that on his admission, the Presbytery would immediately report him to the Superintendent of Missions, who would allocate his services until next meeting of the Committee.

The Committee instructed the Superintendent to urge in his correspondence with Presbyteries, the duty of ministers and office-bearers, and especially of Presbyteries, to seek out and bring forward young men of piety and talents as students for the ministry, with a view to the more adequate supply of the religious wants of the country.

A subsequent meeting of the Home Mission Committee was held at Hamilton on the evening of the 21st July. The object of the meeting was to take into consideration the state of the Red River Settlement, now vacant, in consequence of the return of the Rev. John Black. Mr. Black was present, and gave an interesting statement of the progress of the work at the Red River.—The Committee appointed the Convener to communicate at once with the Free Church of Scotland, with the view of securing the services of a minister to proceed without delay to that distant but interesting settlement. Mr. Black, whose ministry was very much appreciated, left the settlement, with the view of returning, if no other minister could be obtained. It is expected, however, that the Free Church of Scotland, may be able to make provision for the interesting congregation in the North West.

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

The Presbytery of Brockville met at Prescott on the 2nd ult. I hereby transmit, for insertion in the *Record*, a summary of the principal matters that engaged the attention of the Court.

Mr. Geggie tendered his resignation of the Clerk's office, and at the same time moved that Mr. McMurray be appointed in his room. Mr. Geggie's resignation was accepted, and it was unanimously agreed to record the Presbytery's high sense of his fidelity and kindness during the period of his fulfilling the duties of his office.—Mr. McMurray was unanimously appointed Presbytery Clerk.

Mr. Archibald Crawford appeared before the Presbytery, gave in his trials, passed the usual examinations in Greek, Hebrew, Ecclesiastical History, Theology, &c., to the great satisfaction of the Presbytery, and after having answered the usual questions put to candidates for license, and declared his readiness to sign the Formula, when presented to him for that purpose, he was