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NOTICE.

DISPENSATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER IN CONNEXION WITH THE SYNOD.

As the Synod meets (God willing) on Wednesday, the 21st of June, it is contemplated that the Ministers present on the occasion, will be disposed to favor with their services, on Sabbath the 25th, the congregations and stations in and around Toronto; and a scheme for this purpose will be submitted to the Synod at its next meeting.

At the request or with the approval of the congregations interested, it is proposed that the Sacrament of the Supper shall be dispensed at the six following stations on that day; and the Ministers whose names are appended, have been requested to take the charge of all the preliminary arrangements.

SCARBOROUGH,	Dr. Burns.
YORK MILLS,	Mr. Gale.
TORONTO TOWNSHIP,	Mr. Harris.
VAUGHAN,	Mr. Rintoul.
HUMBER,	Mr. Wightman.
TRAFALGAR,	Mr. Boyd.

One of the brethren of the Synod will be appointed to co-operate, in each instance, with the above Ministers.

In each place, there will be a preparatory public service on the Saturday evening previous.

Collections will be made to defray expenses.

May the presence of the great Lord of the feast be enjoyed on these interesting occasions, and may the dew of Heaven descend on the pastures of Zion!
Toronto, 20th May, 1848.

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS.—At the last meeting of Synod, a Committee was appointed "to obtain full reports on Congregational Statistics, at least one month before the ordinary meeting of Synod, so that the same shall be reported to the Synod." As the queries issued last year embrace the information that is required, it is to be hoped

that no time will be lost by congregations in transmitting the answers to the Rev. W. Rintoul, Convener, at Knox's College, Toronto. The queries are the following:—

1. What is the designation of your congregation?
2. How many Church Members in full communion?
3. How many adherents not in Church Fellowship?
4. What is the average Sabbath congregation?
5. How many Elders belonging to the congregation?
6. How many Deacons?
7. How many Acts of Public Worship in the week?
8. How many Prayer Meetings in the congregation?
9. By what numbers are the Prayer Meetings attended?
10. How frequent are your Pastoral Visitations?
11. How many Sabbath Schools connected with the congregation?
12. What are the numbers attending the Sabbath Schools?
13. Have you any Week Day School, and how is it attended and supported?
14. What is the stipend paid to your Minister for the year last closed, and at what date did it close?
15. What is the amount of stipend paid to your Minister since June, 1844?
16. From what sources do you draw the Minister's stipend?
17. What amount did the congregation contribute for Foreign Missions last year?
18. What amount for College Fund?
19. What amount for Bursary Fund?
20. What amount for Home Mission Fund?
21. What amount for Synod and Presbytery Funds?
22. What amounts for your Sabbath School and Libraries?
23. Is your Church free from Debt?
24. By what tenure is your Church Property held?

The foregoing should have appeared in our last number. *A. G. Nipion.*

TO THE CATECHISTS AND STUDENTS OF KNOX'S COLLEGE.

In our last Record it was announced that the Convener of the College Committee would, in the present number, address a short letter to the Catechists and Students of Knox's College. On account of pressing engagements, and unavoidable absence from home in the service of the church, the Convener has found it impracticable to discharge this duty in the way he could have wished.

The following hints, which we extract from his letter, dated at Perth, are such as he intended to have introduced into his letter to the Students and Catechists.

It is probable that some more special announcements will be made after the return of the Convener, and the meeting of the College Committee.

We copy from the Convener's letter referred to: "You will remember that the Record for May contains this notice—"Catechists and Students of Knox's College may expect a short letter from the Convener of the College Committee in the next number of the Record, according to instructions from the Acting Committee."

Now, my dear Sir, as I cannot be back in Toronto before the June number of the Record goes to press, and as I have not with me the Minutes of the Committee, nor can now confer with the brethren who compose it. I would submit to you a few hints, such as I would have introduced.

Some of the following hints are given because of their intrinsic importance—not from any apprehension that the views and duties pointed at would be lost sight of, even though they had been withheld.

1. All our Students should remember that they are engaged to spend their days in the service of the Redeemer in his Church, and that their present studies and pursuits should be directly subordinated to preparation for that service.

2. They should be thoroughly impressed with the conviction that a realising communion with the Saviour, maintained through the exercises of devotion, is an indispensable preparative for the studies and pursuits of every day.

3. Students, whether teaching Schools as some are now doing, or labouring as Catechists or Exhorters, should, in so far as is compatible with health, give a portion of every day to their proper studies, especially to the reading the Scriptures in the original.

4. Catechists should let it be known in their several stations that they are not yet licentiated or probationers for the Ministry—that they are only preparing for such status; and that they are not called nor expected now "to give themselves wholly" to public duties.

The Church is willing to recognise them as Exhorters rather than Preachers; and so the full occupation of their time in preparing for Sabbath, or other public services, and conducting these in visiting and teaching—all proper for Ministers, does not pertain to them. Catechists, we conceive, may most profitably appropriate one or two entire days in every week to their own proper studies.

We may here notice, too, that because they are only Students of Divinity, it is not proper that they should allow themselves to be drawn into engagements to accept of calls from particular congregations.

5. Our Students proved last summer—by the ample contributions obtained by them for the support of their Missionary to the French Canadians—how efficiently they can assert the claims of the schemes of the Church. Every one of them may become an agent for these.

Now, while they will doubtless continue to collect for the support of their own Missionary, or rather the Missionary of Knox's College, they may also do more or less for all the enterprises of the Church, as:—

(1). They may and should stir the people up to make stated contributions for the Home Mission Funds of the several Presbyteries; through these alone Missionaries and Catechists are to be supported.

(2). They should help forward contributions to the College where they have been commenced, and originate them where they have not. It is greatly to be desired that every adherent and member of the Church should be reminded of his or her duty to give something to this, and the Mission schemes, and should have a distinct opportunity of doing so.

Thus will the strength of the Church be drawn out and augmented.

(3). Every Student should seek small subscriptions for the College library. Let every one of our 44 Students collect only five dollars for this object,