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The poetical communication from Osabruck has come to hand. The communication from our esteemed New York Correspondent has been received too late for the present number. We give, however, the concluding paragraph, as it conveys a warning to the readers of the *Presbyterian* which we would not defer till our next issue.

Before closing this letter, which has already somewhat exceeded due limits, I would materially qualify a recommendation somewhat incautiously advanced two months ago. In writing of the mission to the Five Points of New York, I quoted from a book entitled "Hot Corn Stories." These took their name from some little tales which appeared in the papers, and which were as touchingly related as they were unexceptionable in style. Their success was instantaneous and complete. In common with several of the religious papers, I supposed that the book would be a compilation of these stories, and wrote of it accordingly. Instead of this, it is of a character which should exclude it from every family. Giving descriptions of vicious scenes, it draws aside the veil, and under the guise of philanthropy is one of the most dangerous publications which ever issued from an unscrupulous press. Thousands of copies have been scattered broadcast over the land, and I trust that against these, readers of the *Presbyterian* will accept a friendly warning from their correspondent. "AETIUM."

## THE CHURCH IN CANADA.

### LACHINE CONGREGATION.

We notice with pleasure that the ladies of the Scotch Church at Lachine presented their respected pastor, the Rev. Wm. Simpson, with a handsome silk gown and cassock, expressive of their esteem and affection for him.

### QUEEN'S COLLEGE STUDENTS' MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

December 3rd, 1853.

A general meeting of this Association was called to elect Office-bearers and a Committee of management for the current Session, when the following Gentlemen were elected, viz:—

#### President.

JAMES GORDON, A. B.

#### Vice President.

JOHN LINDSAY, A. B.

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#### Committee.

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W. C. CLARKE,

D. J. McLEAN,

J. EVANS.

At the next general meeting of the Association the President-elect took the Chair, and delivered a very appropriate address, in which he alluded to the exertions made last summer by the Association for the further dissemination of Evangelical Truth,—stating that during the summer months two catechists had been employed in the Home mission-field—the friendly manner in which these were received by the people—the success which attended their labours, urging this fact as a motive to still greater exertions in the missionary cause—the eventful period in which we live, and consequently the necessity of being prepared to act a part in the great drama of religious liberty which must inevitably ere long be enacted by this Association, and by every individual member thereof, as a component part of the Church of Christ on earth, if it would perform its duty as a body of Christians, and as bound by Christian obligations to make a bold stand for the cause of true and undefiled religion in the world.

### BECKWITH CONGREGATION.

With much satisfaction do we take notice of the following pleasing instance of esteem and cordiality of feeling shown by a congregation towards him that labours over them in the Lord. The ladies of the congregation of Beckwith lately presented their much esteemed pastor, the Rev. Duncan Morrison, with a beautiful pulpit gown, and also Mrs. Morrison with a handsome sum of money. Few congregations are in a more healthy and flourishing condition than that of Beckwith. It is chiefly com-