

It is the duty of pastors and elders to enquire if the exercises are observed in the households connected with the congregations in which they officiate. There are some other particulars connected with Family Religion which are deserving of consideration but to which we can only refer. First, in every well ordered household there will be a set hour for religious exercises. Much of the good they are calculated to produce is prevented when there is not punctuality. Secondly, Sabbath School instruction should not interfere with family instruction. Thirdly, Sabbath visitation either to a household, or by the members of it should be forbidden. We are acquainted with a lady friend who met at the gate, as they drove up, visitors from neighbouring towns, who intended to spend the afternoon with her family, and told them that while she would be happy to see them on any week day, she could not receive them on the Lord's day, and thus sent them back imbued with greater respect for her character and consistency as a Christian. Would that others would do likewise! Fourthly if there is any member of a family that is giving evidence of an irreligious spirit, the elder or pastor should be informed that he may reason with him, pray for him, and strengthen the hands of his parents in their endeavours to save his soul.

KNOX COLLEGE.

It is now twenty years since the disruption of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, and twenty years since the first effort was made to establish a College for the training of a ministry for the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Queen's College had been established, and was coming finely into operation, when several of the enlightened men who had put their energy among the foremost to establish it, were called by conscience to give it up, and to undertake a second time the arduous task of founding a college. All honour to these men, who, fearing not the difficulty, were ready for the sake of the church which God had submitted to their care, to make the effort, relying on God's blessing. We their children, though some of them still are among us in a green old age, may now look back and profitably enquire, what has God wrought? what has been the result of their effort? and what is our duty in following out what they began?

In 1844 the Presbyterian Church of Canada turned its attention to providing a liberal education for its youth more especially with a view to educating the ministry, and their design originally seems to have been to establish high schools in several places throughout the country, and one or two Theological professorships within the bounds of the Synod. At this early period the venerated name of Dr. Burns appears in connection with a letter which he wrote, "expressing his willingness, in certain circumstances, to devote himself to the work of instructing students for the ministry in our church." In that same year Rev. Mr. King, now Dr. King of Halifax, was made *interim* Theological Professor, and ably discharged his duties to a small band of students, some of whom had left Queen's College to cast in their lot with the Free Church. Among these, were Messrs. T. Wardrope of Ottawa, Ball of Guelph, McColl of Chatham, McPherson of Williams, Sutherland of Ekfrid, Gray of Kingston, and others whose names do not occur to us. Mr. Esson was associated with Mr. King, and was dignified with the very general title, (not perhaps more general than the subjects on which he was expected to prelect,) of Professor of Literature, and Science. How ably, fully, and enthusiastically, he discharged his duties, no student can ever forget, who has seen his tall slender form passing about the lecture room, while his eye beamed with intelligence, his countenance was benignity itself, and from his lips torrents of learning and information eloquently proceeded. The first College Committee were Mr. Rintoul, (Convener,) Messrs. Gale, Harris, Bayne, Cheyne, and Westland, McLe'lan, Webster, Dixon, elders. Thus passed the first session. Dr. Burns was invited to accept the Theological Professorship, and did so, holding at the same time the pastorate of