

should be invited, which was done in the following terms:—

"Gratofully recognizing the cordial relations which have happily subsisted between Dr. Stevenson and his Ministerial brethren, the church has further resolved to respectfully invite the Protestant ministers of this city to be present at the farewell meeting that they may have an opportunity of joining with it in wishing Godspeed to one who has been their common friend and co-worker. I am, therefore, instructed on behalf of the office-bearers and members of the church to extend to you a cordial invitation to be present in the lecture room of Emmanuel church, at 8 p.m., of Tuesday, November 2nd, and trusting that you will do the church this favour, etc., etc."

The letters of acceptance were very numerous, and were of such a tone as showed the wide-spread respect and esteem in which Dr. Stevenson was held by his brother-ministers of this city. No invitations were sent to ministers outside the city, but Dr. Jackson, who happened to be here on College duties, and to be present at the meeting, was called upon to give a short address. I mention this, lest brethren of our sister churches should think that they had been slightly passed by. Of course, where so many representative men had to speak, the addresses were necessarily short and informal; yet they all bore high testimony to those excellences of character and of work with which we are all so familiar in Dr. Stevenson.

The events of this week show that he returns to his native land with the best wishes of his own and of other churches, and of the general community of this city, for his happiness and usefulness in the future; whilst the resolutions of the church and of the College Board show the high estimate that has been formed of his past services by those most intimately concerned with them. It was only natural that there should be a note of sadness pervading these farewell services; but that note was deepened by the "conspicuous absence" of "that good grey head which all men know," and which for half a century past has been seldom absent from our church and denominational gatherings. As your readers have doubtless learnt long ere this, our good friend, Dr. Wilkes, whom all regard with affectionate reverence, has been suddenly laid low, and it looks as if his long life's work was drawing to a close. Thus, by a strange coincidence, we suffer a double bereavement, which leaves us for the time-being weakened in church and college, and which should stimulate all concerned to be up and doing all they can to worthily fill the gaps thus made. Yet the interests at stake, in both cases, are of such great moment, that they emphatically inculcate the importance of the hackneyed adage "*festina lente*."

I have read in your last number the interesting letter of Mr. Cuthbertson, and note with satisfaction that the brethren in the west still have the interests of the College on their minds and hearts. Let me assure them that we in the east are at one with them in this, and we shall be glad to cultivate a generous rivalry with them therein, and to listen to the wise advice they may have to give. We have no personal objects to serve in the administration of the affairs of the College, and none can be more anxious than we that all that may be done should be done for the promotion of the cause of the Master, and of the best interests of our churches.

If by God's guidance we can secure this, then the apparently "frowning providence" of the present hour will prove to be a "smiling face." The length to which I have wandered forbids my writing more, as I intended to do, on College affairs generally. Suffice it to say, that we are all, in our several ways, going on as well as, under the circumstances, can be expected.

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OUR COLLEGE LETTER.

It was the beginning of the session when we wrote our last letter, and at that time (so to speak) we were just preparing for the work to which we have since settled down to in real earnest. We consider it our duty as well as our privilege to take advantage of every opportunity which presents itself, that we may better fit and prepare ourselves for the great work to which we have consecrated our lives.

We are a happy and agreeable family enjoying many advantages and having many opportunities for improving ourselves, by our Christian fellowship one with the other, as well as in very many other ways, in our beautifully situated and comfortably furnished college home. But there are gains and losses in every department of life. Dr. Stevenson, our esteemed principal, has left us, and although we feel our loss keenly, we rejoice that he has been called to such a large and important field, and earnestly pray that God may continue to richly bless him in his new sphere of labor, and crown all his efforts with abundant success. Before he left us a beautifully framed picture was presented to him, the picture being a group photograph of all the students, the central figure being the doctor himself. In reply he spoke with much emotion and tenderness, which touched the heart of every one present. In closing his remarks he spoke of the respect he had always received from the students, the pleasure he had experienced in the class room, assuring them that the college on this