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POETRY.

PARTING WORDS.

ADDRESSED TO THE SCOTTISH COLONISTS OF NEW ZEALAND.—BY MRS. MACARTHUR.

"And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation."—*Holy Scripture.*

Go to the distant land
Where God appoints your lot;
Nor, on its fertile strand,
Be Scotia's hills forgot:
Remember them with joy—
Remember them with pride—
Nor let regret the sweets alloy
Which other scenes provide.

Go, strong in faith and hope,
Athwart the bridled main,
Rejoicing in the scope,
Of God's acknowledged reign!
His messengers of peace
Have paved the way for you—
Oh! let the glorious work increase—
Be missionaries too!

The Bible in your hand—
Its precepts on your tongue—
Resume, in that strange land,
The praise which here you sung!
Proclaim your Saviour's name;
Proclaim his grace and truth;
And rouse again the altar-flame
Here kindled in your youth!

Go, pilgrims of the deep—
God guide you where ye roam—
Your pilgrim-spirit keep,
Within your foreign home:
The earth is not your rest—
'Tis sin-polluted all;
And foes assail the human breast
'Till shielded by its pall!

Ye seek a country still—
A dwelling-place secure—
That shall your hopes fulfil,
And undecayed endure:
Then unto Jesus live
And die, to find death gain—
The lesson that such life doth give,
Shall not be read in vain!

The dark untutored man,
Will learn and love your creed,
And thus your Maker's plan
Be carried out indeed:
For knowledge of the Lord
Shall cover land and sea;
And slaves shall bless the sacred cord,
That binds to make them free!

And when the Lord shall come—
As come ye know he will—
And shall recall the sum
Intrusted to our skill;
The single talent then,
A thousand may have gained,
While thousands, lent to careless men,
Have unimproved remained!

EDUCATION.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE OF UPPER CANADA.

We formerly noticed in favourable terms the prospectus issued for establishing a College in Kingston, in connexion with the Synod of the Church of Scotland in Canada. We are now happy to be able to subjoin the proceedings of a public meeting held in Toronto, approving of the proposed institution, and recommending measures to be adopted throughout the Province for raising subscriptions for behoof of the College. We sincerely trust, that the recommendations shall not have been made in vain; and that every member of the Church of Scotland in both Provinces, who can afford it, will give early possible aid towards an establishment, which cannot fail to prove both useful and ornamental to these Colonies. When we reflect upon the surpassing exertions lately made by the Methodists in support of their various establishments throughout the Empire,

we cannot refrain from expressing a confident hope that a proportionate zeal will be displayed in behalf of the proposed College by the members of one of the Established National Churches, and thus perpetuate her usefulness in the Canadas:—

On Thursday night a meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, on the subject of the proposed College, to be erected at Kingston, in connexion with the Synod of the Church of Scotland in Canada. The Hon. W. Morris in the Chair, and Mr. Hugh Scobie, acting as Secretary.

The Meeting, by desire of the Chairman, was opened with prayer, by the Rev. W. Rintoul.

The Chairman then addressed the meeting in a concise speech, explaining the object for which they were assembled, the importance of the subject to be brought under their notice, and the great benefits likely to result to the country, from the proposed College.

The meeting was addressed by the following gentlemen, successively, on the importance of the subject, and the absolute necessity of the College being proceeded with,—the Rev. Robert M-Gill, the Rev. W. Rintoul, the Rev. James George, Edward W. Thomson, Esq. M. P. P. the Rev. D. Rintoul, and the Rev. Alex. Gale.

The resolutions being put severally, by the Chairman, passed unanimously.—They are as follows:—
Moved by the Rev. Robert M-Gill, Niagara, and seconded by the Hon. W. Morris, Member of the Legislative Council.

1. That the circumstances of the Presbyterians in these Provinces, require that means be adopted to afford them the benefit of a literary and scientific education based on scriptural principles.

Moved by the Rev. Wm. Rintoul, Streetsville.—and seconded by the Hon. John Macdonald, of Gananoque.

2. That with the view of encouraging pious youths in these provinces to dedicate themselves to the holy ministry, and thereby supply the spiritual destitution of their countrymen, it is necessary that a college be instituted, agreeable to a resolution of the Commission of Synod, held at Hamilton, on the 9th of October last.

Moved by the Rev. James George, Scarboro, and seconded by Edward W. Thomson, Esq. M. P. P.

3. That this meeting recommends that measures be adopted through the Provinces, to raise subscriptions for the behoof of the said college.

Moved by the Rev. David Rintoul, and seconded by Dr. Workman.

4. That the formation of the said college, being a christian and patriotic object, this meeting anticipates not only the support of the members and adherents of the Presbyterian Church, but of all classes of the Christian community.

Moved by the Rev. Alex. Gale, Hamilton, and seconded by the Hon. James Crooks,

5. That the following gentlemen be appointed a Committee to receive subscriptions:—Messrs. Isaac Buchanan, William Ross, Archibald McDonnell, Walter Rose, Thomas Carfrae, John McMurich, Hugh Scobie and Dr. Workman, and that John Cameron, Esq. Commercial Bank, be the Treasurer.
W. MORRIS, Chairman,
H. SCOBIE, Secretary.

It was moved by John Cameron, Esq. that Mr. Morris do leave the Chair, and that it be taken by Isaac Buchanan, Esq. which being done, it was moved by Mr. Cameron, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Leach, and carried unanimously.

That the thanks of this meeting be given to Mr. Morris for his conduct in the chair.

ISAAC BUCHANAN, Chairman.
H. SCOBIE, Secretary.

The Hon. Mr Morris stated, that he had lately been apprised by Dr. Burns, of Paisley, that he had received from a pious lady in England, a donation of ten guineas towards the College and this being the first, it would be followed by many more, from friends at home, who wished the undertaking success.

After the meeting, a subscription list was opened, and upwards of £600 subscribed on the spot.—*Montreal Gazette.*

A meeting was held at the Scotch Church, Kingston, on Wednesday evening, 18th Dec. to take into consideration the propriety of erecting a Presbyterian College in that city, for the instruction of young men with a view to the Ministry, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, and the education of youth generally, in the various branches of literature and science, upon sound religious principles. The Chair-

man (the Rev. Mr. Machar) said the new College would not be exclusively for Presbyterians, but that its course of study would be divided into two parts—one for the education of youth, in which, although Christianity would be the basis on which the structure of his future attainments would be reared, yet no particular form of worship, or mode of Church Government would be inculcated—the other would be for the especial purpose of raising young men for the ministry. He also stated that the sum of £30,000 would be wanted to complete the objects of the Synod, and we have every expectation that the voluntary contributions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, together with the help that might be expected from Home, would be more than equal to that sum, however large it might seem. Before the meeting dispersed £1200 were subscribed, to be paid in four annual instalments.—*Montreal Transcript.*

We have received a copy of a Bill which has been introduced into the Legislative Council of Upper Canada, for incorporating certain individuals therein mentioned for the purpose of holding certain lands and funds placed at the disposal of the Presbytery of Toronto by benevolent individuals, for the purpose of assisting in the establishment of an Academical Institution, or College, in connexion with the Church of Scotland. We are happy to find that such satisfactory progress is made in this important matter, and that there is now a prospect that the proposed College will be finally established. A public meeting was held at Kingston, on Wednesday last, approving of the institution; and at which the members pledged themselves, by every means in their power, to forward the views of the Synod.—*Montreal Gazette.*

SABBATH PROFANATION.

From the St. John, N. B. Observer.

SUNDAY SKATING.

It is both surprising and lamentable to observe the vast number of the apparently respectable and intelligent youths of our City, who have so little regard for the sanctity of the Sabbath, as to be seen in our immediate neighbourhood, desecrating it by the practice of Skating.

It is surprising, first because, in general the offenders are of a size and appearance to warrant one in supposing that they have arrived at the years of discretion; and secondly, because occurring in a land—in a City, where Christianity is devoutly professed, and ably supported, where morality and virtue are openly maintained and encouraged.

It is lamentable, because the parents, masters, and guardians of the young men of whom I speak, seem either, to approve avowedly of the practice, or to look on with an eye of indifference, thereby, I am convinced not unconsciously, lending their encouragement and sanction to a sin, to put down and abolish which they ought to exert all their various powers and prerogatives.

The columns of a Newspaper are not the most proper place to enlarge so fully on this subject as its importance would admit of, I will therefore confine myself to a few general remarks.

All who have power over the young, to restrain them from evil and incite to good, ought in my opinion to impress upon their minds as a subject of paramount consequence, *the holiness of the Lord's Day.*

"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," is allowed by all christians to be a direct command from the Most High; but, alas! how fearfully, how wantonly, do professing christians set at naught that most positive injunction.

Amid education and knowledge, amid Schools and Churches, Can it be possible that the youth of this city are ignorant to such a degree as not to be aware, that the Sabbath was ordained as a day of rest, and that pleasure and unnecessary labour, are on that day expressly forbidden? If it is possible that so much ignorance exists among that particular class, then much of the blame must rest with their guardians; but, if on the contrary, they being fully aware of their iniquity, will, heedless of advice and in defiance of command, still go on in their sinful courses, then the evil and its concomitant punishment lie at their own doors.

Many an alarmed sinner on his death bed—many a condemned criminal at the gallows, has dated his degradation, his shame, and his misery from the first Sabbath he ever desecrated.

In conclusion, I would say to the young men of