

SONNET.

To James M. LeMoine, Esq., Spencer Grange, Quebec.

BY WILLIAM KIRBY, F.R.S.C.

I LOVE Quebec for three good reasons. One—
 Her matchless beauty both of earth and sky;
 Her famous story of the years gone by;
 And last, for sake of him, her worthy son,
 Bone of her bone, whose facile pen has run
 Through tomes of legendary lore, which vie
 With what the world loves best. And so love I
 Quebec for these good reasons; and upon
 The plinth of Wolfe and Montcalm lay my hand,
 And call to witness all the varied land
 Seen from the lofty Cape's embattled coigne,
 Mountain and vale and city, isle and stream,
 Resplendent with the memories that beam
 Upon them from the pages of Lemoine.

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THE PAN-PRESBYTERIAN COUNCIL, BELFAST,
 IRELAND.

BY THE REV. A. HARDIE, M.A.

IN the above city on Tuesday forenoon, June 24, 1884, met "the Third General Council of the Presbyterian Alliance." The opening sermon was preached by Rev. Prof. Robert Watts, D.D., of Belfast. In the evening the delegates were accorded a reception by the Mayor, Sir David Taylor, J.P., in the Exhibition Hall.

On Wednesday morning, Rev. Principal Cairns, of the U. P. College, Edinburgh, opened the proceedings of the Council by reading a "Report on the Consensus," rather a difficult subject for our Calvinistic brethren just now. There followed papers on "The Authority of Holy Scripture," "Biblical Criticism," "The Theory of Evolution," etc. In the evening addresses were delivered with special reference to Presbyterianism.

But Thursday was a day of far more than ordinary interest. There is in the United States of America a branch of the Presbyterian family which has quite broken away from Calvinism. Indeed, I think it may be said that they have given up every distinctive feature of the Westminster Confession of Faith except the doctrine of the final perseverance of the saints. This Cumberland Presbyterian Church, as it is called, has for some time been seeking admission to the Alliance; but the *decrees* closed the doors against them. On this occasion, however, while many declared that these heterodox brethren could not be admitted, some influential voices were raised in favour of a more liberal policy. Dr. John Hall, of New York; Dr. R. H. Story, of the