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Poetry.

LINES ADDRESSED TO A MOTHER, ON THE DEATH OF A BELOVED CHILD.

Afflicted friend! not called to mourn
 Hopeless and sad the loss of one
 Whose smile was sunshine, and whose tongue
 Was sweetest music. No; he's gone before
 To realms of light, where sorrow,
 Pain, and death, are all unknown.
 Lent for a time, the precious charge
 God has recall'd; you acquiesce
 Meekly. 'Tis well,—'tis his decree,—
 Your heavenly Father's will

The fell destroyer, Death, has done his work.
 That finely moulded form, which he's dissolving
 Into dust, will rise immortal—glorious—
 Like his own body, who, will nothing lose
 Of all that God has given him, but will
 It raise at the last day—redeemed dust.
 God of Abraham, of Isaac—Jacob—
 Not of the dead but of the living—God
 Will bring that self-same person, and unite
 It with the ransom'd soul. In hope,
 That flesh shall rest till the great judgment day.

Weep not for him. No racking pain
 Can more disturb his calm repose.
 The pangs he lately felt, and which
 By sympathetic feeling, too,
 Pierc'd your own heart, were all removed,
 And God in mercy mix'd sweet drops
 With faithful chastenings. Your dear boy
 To you will not return. You'll go
 To him. May God this trial bless,
 To you—to all surviving friends.
 And may the spirit of all grace
 You bless, you comfort and console.
 April 1, 1850.

Notices.

COLLECTION FOR THE FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE FREE CHURCH.

By appointment of Synod, this Collection, the fourth and last for the Synochal year, will be taken up in all the Congregations and Mission Stations of the Church, on the third Sabbath in May. Ministers and Catechists supplying the various congregations and preaching stations, will cause due notice to be given.

The Free Church of Scotland has in India and Africa, thirty-seven European, and fifty-seven native Missionaries and Agents, including converted Hindoos, Abyssinians, Mohammedans, and others, with about 6000 children, in connection with their Missionary Institutions.

The Jewish Mission also occupies a prominent place.

JOHN REDPATH, Esq., Terrace Bank, Montreal, is the Treasurer to the Fund, to whom all contributions should be sent. For the accommodation of those who can more conveniently communicate with Toronto, Mr. Burns will be happy to receive collections.

MEETING OF SYNOD.

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, will meet in Knox's Church, Toronto, on the first Wednesday in June, to be opened with sermon by Moderator, at the hour of 7 o'clock, P. M. Wm. KIRSTEN, Synod Clerk.

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS.

Presbytery Clerks are hereby notified that answers to the queries at page 152, of the fifth vol of the *Record*, are required to be filled up to the 30th inst., and transmitted as soon thereafter as possible to the Agency Office, in order that the General Statistical Table may be completed for the Synod. congregations will please send their reports to the Presbytery Clerks.

Agency Office, } J. Burns.
 April 1, 1850. }

Mr. Burns, acting Clerk of the Presbytery of Toronto, requests that the statistical returns from all the congregations and mission stations within the Presbytery, be transmitted to him early in May.

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

The Presbytery of Hamilton will meet at Hamilton, in Knox's Church there, on Wednesday the 8th day of May, at 11 o'clock, forenoon, and it is enjoined on the Ministers of the Presbytery, to see that the Session Records of their congregations are made up and forwarded to the Presbytery at that meeting.

M. Y. STARK, Pres. Clerk.

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE OF THE SYNOD.

On Tuesday the 5th ult., the Home Mission Committee met for the purpose of distributing the ministers, preachers and catechists at their disposal, among the different Presbyteries, for the ensuing six months.

It being known that the supply was inadequate to the wants of the Church, Presbyteries had reduced their demand to the lowest number. The Rev. Mr. Robb, Convener of the Committee, reported that application had been made for 44 missionary labourers, viz., from the London Presbytery, for 3; Hamilton, 7; Toronto, 13; Cobourg, 3; Kingston, 3; Perth, 3; Montreal, 12; Brockville, none.

The Committee had at their disposal ministers and preachers, 8; students who had been employed as catechists, 20; students recommended for catechetical labour, 7; in all 35. In addition to these, the Professors and other Ministers in Toronto without pastoral charges, engaged to render assistance in supplying vacant stations.

The following is the scheme of distribution agreed to, viz.—