

it be your habitual exercise to seek for light and comfort in the sure word of God under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and to stir up one another to the faithful performance of the duties of a religious life, as the most effectual antidote against the impatient love of change and turbulent designs fomented by the enemies of social order and the stability of our national institutions. As far as in us lies, we are disposed to contribute to the expense of professionally educating such young men recommended by your Presbyteries as are likely to prove serviceable to the church in the office of the ministry. And on all occasions it will afford us pleasure to strengthen your hands in doing the work of the Lord.

It is our earnest prayer to the God of all grace

and consolation that your souls may prosper and be in health; that through the favour of the Supreme Governor among the nations, your civil privileges may be secured against the perils arising from anarchy, faction and violence; that you may live together in unity and concord; and that you may all be happily instrumental in building one another up in your most holy faith, so as to be made meet for the possession of an eternal inheritance, in a better country, which is an heaven.

Given at Edinburgh this 27th day of May, 1839.

By authority of the General Assembly,

JONH LEE,

Cf. Eccl. Scot.

The Commission of Synod at its adjourned Meeting in Hamilton, on the 8th and 9th instant, pledged itself to a course of definite and immediate action, in regard to the proposed College. We hope to furnish our readers, in the next number, with the full Minutes of the Commission, in the meantime, we insert the following Address to the Members and friends of the Church, on the subject of contributions for the College. We trust, that it will be received, and responded to by all into whose hands it comes, in a spirit of kindness and liberality.

ADDRESS OF THE COMMISSION OF SYNOD.

To the Members and Adherents of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connexion with the Church of Scotland.

BRETHREN,

The Synod, at the Meeting in Kingston, in July last, determined on founding a College in Kingston, "for the education of youth, and particularly for the education of candidates for the Holy Ministry;" and the Synod then also devolved on the Commission, the important work of obtaining a Bill of Incorporation for such College, and of raising funds and taking other necessary measures for its establishment. And we now affectionately, and we will add, confidently, address ourselves to you, soliciting your co-operation and aid in this undertaking.

We feel, as we may well do, that we are commencing a great work—and this at a season in which many things bear an untoward aspect to it. Yet we are not dismayed by the feebleness of our own resources, or the difficulties of the times.—We trust, that these things will incline us the more to look for the Divine blessing,—without which, such an enterprise in any circumstances would miscarry, and to prosecute it with humility, prudence, and resolution.

We would have you to consider, that the Institution which we are about to found, is designed *FIRST*, for the thorough culture in human and divine learning of the youths amongst ourselves, who are giving themselves to the ministry of the glorious Gospel—an object this, which, whether viewed in itself or in reference to the destitution of spiritual labourers which prevails around us, must commend itself to you all as unspeakably

important. The Great Head of the Church has put it into the hearts of a goodly number of our own young men, to aspire after the ministry, just when the supply of labourers from our native land seems ready to fail us, and hence, the urgent duty on our part, to direct and encourage them to suitable preparatory studies, and at the same time to provide a permanent institution for the training up of ministers.

The Church of Scotland has always since the days of the Reformation been creditably distinguished for the scholarship of her ministers, and so have most of the churches in Europe and America, which have sprung from her. And we, verily, are neither in an age nor a land, in which we can contemplate a diminished standard of ministerial education. Infidelity is eager to engage learning and science in her unholy cause, but, we must shew that it is only by a perversion of these—that they can lend her any service—and that they are the legitimate hand-maids of Divine Truth, being subservient at once to the knowledge, and to the publication of it.

Then, consider that the same Institution is designed *SECONDLY*, for the instruction in the elements of general Literature and Science, of such as may desire to cultivate them for secular professions.

The education which is preparative for the study of Theology, is also preparative for the study of other sciences. And, if this be given, as we would have it done, in harmony with Divine