

holds, conversation would be spiritual, preaching powerful, and much people would be added to the Lord: while without it, we must be feeble, and down-hearted, and without success. This is incumbent even on those who have made no profession, for they also ought to glorify the Lord; being unconverted or unbelieving will not justify any one, or excuse him for neglecting a single duty to which the believer is called. But to believers belong now assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, and joy in the Holy Ghost, and I call these to possess and enjoy them, not only for their own comfort, but for the glory of God and the good of men. I plead on behalf of a ruined race, who have sadly mistaken ideas of religion, that you will make them feel there is a reality in it. I plead for your own sakes, that you may make daily progress in holiness and comfort, and I plead above all, on behalf of the God and Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, who comforts His people in all their tribulations. He has connected His own glory and joy with the work of His people; and shall they refuse to qualify themselves for the most glorious discharge of it. It is your duty to stand always before your God, striving, whether present or absent to be accepted of Him, having about with you always, the dying of the Lord Jesus, that His life may be manifest in your mortal bodies, striving to know His will, and as it were anticipate His wishes. Love constrains to this. On the celebrated march to Lucknow, the general's favourite regiment watching his movements and guided only by his eye, sprang to their feet with a cheer, and without losing a man carried a troublesome battery, to which he was unwilling to expose them. And shall the soldiers of the cross be less anxious to please their Lord. And how can we do so, if we stand at a distance from Him. Let us then seek to find Him a present God and a Saviour in life, that we may live for Him, and have an assurance of glory. M.

Official Notices.

MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES.

COLLEGE BOARD.—The College Board will meet in Knox College, on Wednesday 7th inst., at the close of the introductory lecture, which will be delivered in the Hall at 12, noon.

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.—The Home Mission Committee will meet in Knox College, on Wednesday 7th inst., at 5 p.m., for the distribution of missionaries and other business.

COMMITTEE ON BOOK OF FORMS, &c.—The Committee on Book of Forms, &c., will meet in Knox College, on Wednesday 7th inst. at half past 9 o'clock, a.m.

COLLECTION FOR WIDOWS' FUND, &c.—The Synod has appointed the annual collection for the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and for the Fund for Aged and Infirm Ministers to be taken up in all the congregations throughout the on the third Sabbath of current month of October. The great importance church of both these objects will be denied by none. The average rate of the stipends paid renders it utterly impossible for ministers generally to make any provision for old age, or for the future comfort of the families depending upon them. Hence, it becomes necessary that there should be some common fund, by means of which these objects may be in some measure accomplished. While these primary objects are in themselves of the utmost importance, it