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MEETING OF SYNOD.

THE SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA will meet in Knox's Church, Toronto, on the third Wednesday of June, to be opened with Sermon by the Moderator, at the hour of Seven o'clock, P. M.

Wm. RINTOUL,
Synod Clerk.

Poetry.

The following lines are from verses inscribed to Miss Leslie, daughter of the Hon. Mr. Leslie, Montreal, by D. Wylie:—

SISTER OF MERCY.

No sombre garb enwraps thy form, no cross hangs by thy side;
But needy ones thou cheerest on, as through the earth they glide;
No gloomy cast is on thy face, no fear within thine eye,
And hope in many a heart springs up whene'er they see thee nigh.

The hungry and the desolate, are waited on by thee;
The grey-haired Christian on the couch, the infant on the knee,
All see the smile of Christian love o'er thy meek features play;
They know thy acts of yesterday, will be thy acts to-day.

The show of wealth is nought to thee, nor gaudy things of earth,
Nor pageantry of noble ones, nor ball-rooms noisy mirth;
Christ's people, and their sufferings, have charms to thee more dear,
For in communion of the saints, thy master's voice is near.

Where'er there's work of mercy, there art thou always found—
Thy sympathy in word or deed, gives no uncertain sound,
For, mid the mass of apathy, thou'rt like a desert spring,
To quench the thirst of fainting ones, and comfort to them bring.

Go on thy way rejoicing—a noble work is thine—
Though servant of the needy poor, thy Master is Divine;
Go on thy way rejoicing—heed not the world's frown—
A prize thou'lt gain eternally—in heav'n a golden crown.

KNOX'S COLLEGE, TORONTO—CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

On Wednesday, the 18th ult., the fifth college session in this institution was brought to a close. During the preceding week a series of examinations was conducted in the various classes, by the Professors. Occasional visitors attended these examinations. The concluding scene was peculiarly interesting. The Divinity Hall and Library were thrown into one large hall, which was well fitted with the professors, students, and visitors, among whom we were pleased to see so many ladies. The smaller attendance of visitors on the previous days, was occasioned by the opinion having gone abroad that the examinations were private. We noticed Rev. Mr. Robb, of Hamilton, the Moderator of the Synod, Rev. Mr. McGregor, of Guelph, Rev. Mr. Wightman, M. S. Ark., and, on one of the days, Rev. Dr. McCaul, of King's College; and at the close, on Wednesday, Dr. Gwynne, Dr. Connor, Mr. Brown, Mr. Scoble, and other gentlemen, together with several members of the congregation of Knox's Church, Toronto. There was peculiar solemnity in the concluding exercises, a large portion of which were of a devotional character. The number of students attending the classes with the view to the ministry, was fifty-three. among them the utmost harmony and good feeling had prevailed, during a very laborious session they had become knit together by many pleasing—hallowed associations they were now about to be separated from each other, to be scattered abroad throughout the wide extent of our home missionary field. To the senior class, who had finished their course of academic study, and had not the prospect of again meeting in like circumstances with their fellow-students, with whom they had enjoyed much pleasing intercourse, the parting ceremonial was very impressive. Indeed, professors and students had become so much like members of an affectionate family, that the prospect of separation filled the mind with sadness, and furnished matter for serious reflection.

The examinations having been finished on the previous day, Wednesday was occupied with the

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