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For Thee my bleeding spirit longs—
Oh! when wilt Thou return?
Dost Thou not know my heart-desires,
For Thee alone that burn!

For Thee, my precious Saviour, sighs
My weeping soul, forlorn;
Till I once more enjoy Thy love,
I cannot, Lord, but mourn!

Whilst Thou art absent, I must weep—
My harp must silent be—
But, oh, if Thou return, my tongue
Shall melt in melody!

Still, 'mid my darkness, Thee I'll trust;
For though 'tis sorrows night,
Thou yet shalt dry my weeping eyes,
And send the morning light.

Haste then, O Lord, the happy hour,
When these dark clouds shall flee;
When I shall Thy sweet countenance
In unveiled glory see.

Melbourne, C. E., Aug. 17, 1849.

J. A.

Notices.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The Presbytery of Toronto will meet in Knox's College, Toronto, on Tuesday, 6th November, at 12 o'clock, for the purpose of meeting with commissioners from the various mission stations and vacant congregations, who are desirous of procuring the services of missionaries or catechists during the winter. Office-bearers of the mission stations and congregations, are requested, therefore, to see that commissioners or delegates be sent to meet with the Presbytery on that day, to make the necessary arrangements for their being supplied with preaching during the winter.

P. GRAY, Pres. Clerk.

COLLECTION FOR SYNOD FUND.

The Agency Committee having been authorized by the Synod to fix the time for the General Collections for the current year, have appointed Sabbath, the 18th of November current, for the Collections for the Synod Fund. It is much to be desired that the Collections on this account be liberal. The fund is at present in arrears—the charge of the Agency office, besides the usual allowance for the Synod Clerk, must be devolved upon it. There are also several claims against it, of long standing, that should at once be discharged.

Ministers and Missionaries officiating in the various congregations and mission stations, will cause this announcement to be given.

Poetry.

SPIRITUAL DESERTION.

[FOR THE RECORD.]

Thick darkness broods upon my soul,
And clouds of doubt and fear,
Hang heavy o'er my heaving breast—
Nor morn, nor stars appear.
For Thee, my God, for Thee I mourn!
Thine absence is my grief;
Would'st Thou but to my soul return,
I then should find relief.

Have I not known the happy time,
When glowed, within my breast,
The sacred flame of love, to Thee
My God, my only rest?

Have I not known the blissful hour,
When Thou didst on me shine?
When in the fervour of my love,
Sweet Son, I called Thee mine!

And hast Thou not, erewhile, to me
Unveiled thy lovely face?
Made me, upon The Sacred Mount,
To taste Thy boundless grace?

Have I not 'neath Thy shadow sat,
With rapturous delight?
While love glowed in my breast, and faith,
Hiss plumed her heav'n-ward flight.

Why then, my Jesus, have those joys
So swiftly passed away?
Why can my heart now find no balm,
Her sorrows to allay?

KNOX'S COLLEGE.

This Institution was opened with an introductory Lecture by Dr. Willis, on Wednesday, the 17th ult. A large proportion of the students had arrived, and were in attendance; and the occasion was the more interesting, from the presence of many ministers, and lay members and friends of the church. After a recess of six months, it was a circumstance calling for devout gratitude to God, that the ranks of the students who had studied during the previous session, had been unbroken either by sickness or death; while the same kind protection that had watched over them, had been extended to all who had taken part in the conduct of their studies.

The lecture of the Rev. Dr. was listened to with much interest, and was characterised by that happy tact and talent by which nothing is omitted; while every subject receives its due meed of attention. An abstract of the lecture may be interesting to our readers.

In allusion to the fact already adverted to, calling for thankfulness on the part of all, the Dr. said—

"If on the occasion of our re-union at this time last year, we felt that it became us devoutly to recognise the mercy of God that had so spared us