

## PASTORAL ADDRESS TO EMIGRANTS.

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EDINBURGH, 6th March 1839.

*The Committee of the General Assembly for promoting the Religious Interests of Scottish Presbyterians in the British Colonies, having taken into consideration the Report of their Acting Committee upon the subject of Emigration, resolved to issue the following Pastoral Address, for circulation among individuals and families preparing to leave Scotland for Colonial settlements.*

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DEARLY BELOVED BRETHEREN,

In the interesting circumstances in which you are placed,—preparing to leave for a lengthened period, and many of you perhaps for ever, your native shores,—we, the COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, appointed to watch over the religious interests of Scottish Settlers in the British Colonies, present ourselves before your notice, to address to you some words of parting counsel, to give you our blessing, and to bid you a long farewell. Your well-being has occupied much of our attention. We have exerted ourselves to the utmost to make provision that, upon your reaching your destination, you should have an opportunity of attending upon Gospel ordinances, in the same form as in your native country, and that during your voyage you should have the benefit of a religious instructor;—in cases where we have failed in the attainment of these objects, subsidiary arrangements have been made, of which due notice will be given;—as individuals we have you continually upon our hearts before a Throne of Grace;—at our stated meetings we unite in our supplications in your behalf;—we would desire, were it in our power, to see you face to face ere you leave us; but as this may not be, we embrace the present form of giving you a final greeting, and pour forth the fulness of our hearts in this Address.