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Poetry.

CANOBIE:

THE HILL-SIDE PRAYER.

I heard on the side of a lonely hill,
The Free Kirk preacher's wrestling prayer,
Blue mist, brown mist, and a tinkling rill,
God's only house and music there;
And aged men, in mauds of gray,
Bareheaded stood to hear and pray.

I saw the Pope and his cardinals
Down high St. Peter's sounding nave,
Walking, gold-robed, 'tween silk-hung stalls,
And chaunting many a holy stave;
And kings knelt down in bright array,
With these king-priests to bow and pray.

Is it to pomp and splendour given
Alone to reach the throne on high?
The hill-side prayer may rise to heaven.
From plaided breast and up-cast eye—
Through Canobie's cold sleet and wind,
The hill-side prayer may hearing find.

And what the prayers on Canobie?
"Pardon, Oh God! the pride that says,
This is my laud—here 'tis not free
For men their Maker's name to praise;
Pardon, O Lord! the insect's pride,
That thinks its rights set. Thine aside.

"The storm is out, the wind is up,
Thy Israel sits in mire and clay;
Rain-drenched, we take salvation's cup.
Shivering with cold, we turn to pray;
Pardon, Oh Lord, the godless pride
That drives thy feast to the hill-side."

NOTICE.

The Convener of the College Committee, in accordance with the request of the Acting Committee, purposes (God willing) being within the bounds of the Presbyteries of Cohourg and Kingston, for two or three weeks in the month of March; and within the bounds of the Presbytery of Montreal immediately after the rising of the College in the middle of April.

His principal object will be, to promote collections for the College. He will probably visit first the City of Montreal; but the arrangements that may be made for this visit will be announced in the *Record* for April. Intimation respecting the close of the present session, and the meeting of the Home Mission Committee and General College Committee, may also be expected in the same paper.

COLLECTIONS FOR THE COLLEGE.

We crave the attention of the members of our congregations amongst whom the collections for the College are in progress, as well as of the office-bearers and others who are making these collections, to the following resolution of the Acting Committee of the College, passed at a meeting on

the 17th instant:—"That as the Synodical year ends with the month of May, it be earnestly recommended that all moneys now subscribed for the College, in accordance with the recommendation of the last meeting of Synod, be paid on or before the 31st day of May next."

Our readers will perceive in the note of the Receipts of the Treasurer, in the present number, that our congregations are bestirring themselves on behalf of the College. Galt and Hamilton have done well, and we believe the present payments are but an instalment of the entire payments yet to be expected. We make free to quote from a letter of our esteemed brother, Mr. Clugston, of Quebec. While Mr. C. laments the smallness of the present remittance, it may be mentioned, that his congregation charge themselves with the entire support of one student. His remarks are:—"The sum now sent includes £19, which, on my suggestion, the Session was induced to vote to the College, from funds in its hands for missionary purposes, inasmuch as the College must be regarded in one important sense as a missionary institution. It is a matter of regret to me that the sum is not much greater, but I trust that such as it is, the prayers of some amongst us are offered up, that the blessing of the great Head of the Church may go along with the gift. But for our mercantile troubles and others to which I need not refer, the sum would have been greater. * * * * May the Holy Spirit be among you, and may He equally bless the interesting institution with which you are connected. "I am," &c. &c.

We rejoice to think that the College is remembered at the throne of grace in Quebec, as in many other places; but the point of Mr. C's letter to which we wish to call attention, is his estimate of the College as a *Missionary Institution*. Many of our friends, we are sure, do not consider to what extent it is such. It is, in its proper character, a school for the ministry; and so our congregations, as they value the maintenance of divine ordinances, must uphold it. But it is also a *Missionary Institution*—

1. Because the ministers whom it is raising, are to be, to a great extent, missionaries.

2. Amongst our many students, some may be expected to devote themselves entirely to missionary work. One of them is now actually devoted for labouring amongst the French Canadians as a missionary, and, through the blessing of God, will soon go forth to the field chosen for him and chosen by him.

3. Our College is actually performing a great amount of missionary labour.

The more advanced students act as missionary catechists for six months in the year, in various parts of the Province; and during the present session of College, about 17 stations, some of them at a considerable distance from Toronto, are sup-

plied with preaching every Sabbath, or every alternate Sabbath, by professors and students. We trust, therefore, that it will more and more commend itself to the liberality and the prayers of our people, as a *Missionary Institution*,—a school for evangelists as well as a school for pastors.

COLLEGE BURSARIES.

Since the few remarks under the head "Collections for the College" were sent to the printer, we have received from Samuel Spreull, Esq., a note of two payments to the Bursary Fund, which will be duly appreciated by all the friends of the College. Being thus reminded of the importance of this branch of the funds, we would make a few remarks regarding it.

And first, it should be known that henceforth bursaries, excepting in so far as their objects are defined by donors, are to be given only to those students whose circumstances, in the judgment of the Committee, require that they should receive some assistance towards their support at College.

The Bursary for the best Gaelic scholar, by the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland—the George Buchanan Bursary for the best Latin scholar, and the John Knox Bursary, for the highest attainments in Theology—both by Isaac Buchanan, Esq., cannot be placed under any conditions diverse from those imposed by the liberal donors themselves.

In the appropriation of Bursaries left unconditionally to the award of the Committee, two elements will be taken into account, viz. the circumstances of the candidate, and his proficiency in study, as ascertained by examination. For such Bursaries, the Committee rejoice that they do not expect to make any requisition on the ordinary funds of the College for the ensuing year. They expect that the kind liberality of contributors to the Bursary Fund in Canada and in Scotland, will be abundantly sufficient for this department of expenditure.

And we would respectfully remind Ladies' Associations and Presbyteries, that have in former times contributed to Bursaries, that their renewed exertions and liberality will be most seasonable.

Amongst so large a body of students, in a country in which there is so little available capital, it is not to be wondered that several of our students should require assistance. Our wonder indeed is, that the number of such is so small. But this is referable, not so much to the wealth of their parents, as to the value of the labours of many of them as Catechists during the summer, the moderate recompense for these labours being, to a great extent, available for their support during winter.

We are the more particular in dwelling on this, because we have been told that some thought that we supported all our students at the College.