

The Conveners of Standing Committees shall give in their Reports to the Committee on Bills and Overtures, not later than the second Sederunt of the meeting of the Assembly.

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RAILWAY ARRANGEMENTS.

Arrangements are being made with the leading lines of Railways for return tickets on the usual terms. Certificates will be forwarded to members by the 1st of June. Should any not have received them by that date, they will please communicate with Arch. McGoun, Esq., 179 St. James' Street, Montreal.

THE APPROACHING MEETING OF ASSEMBLY.

We have only time and space to express the hope that at the approaching meetings in Montreal there may be much of the Spirit's influences to guide and direct all parties in the important work then to be accomplished. We anticipate that the Union will be accomplished without any unpleasantness or difficulty. Discussion may be regarded as now ended, and the time for action has come.

The happy suggestion which came from the brethren in the Lower Provinces, that special prayer should be offered up on the 30th May, has, we doubt not, been generally attended to; and we trust that all through the sittings of the Assembly, prayer will ascend from thousands of closets and family circles, that this important event in the history of the Presbyterian Church may be overruled for good, and be the means of stirring up the Church to fresh vigor and increased devotedness.

II.—MEDICAL MISSIONS.

While Sir Henry Halford, and other men of consecrated influence, were preparing the Christian public to give their sympathy and aid to the movement, God was in Britain as well as America raising up men of Christ-like spirit, who had discernment and faith enough to combine in their labours the twofold command of the Master, to go forth "to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick." Amongst these was a remarkable man, whom God still spares to carry on his "work of faith and labour of love," then begun among the poor degraded of the old town of Edinburgh—Dr. Burns Thompson. The beginning of his noble work was humble, but characteristic. While yet a medical student, his spare time was given to friendly visits to the suffering poor, in which the gospel was ever as prominent as the prescription. His first patient was a poor Irish lad, in consumption. With him he was reading and praying when his mother entered. The sight of the Bible roused her wrath. With a torrent of abuse, and an uplifted broomstick, she was driving the heretic intruder from her room, when, as he backed cautiously but calmly towards the door, his gentle remonstrance and pitying comment