

The minutes of former meeting having been read, and objections against the settlement of Mr. Davidson called for, but none offered, the Revd. H. Urquhart, D.D., ascended the pulpit and, after the usual preliminary services, preached an excellent and appropriate discourse from Heb. xiii. 17, 18. "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves, for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy and not with grief, for that is unprofitable for you. Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly."—after which Mr. Dobie addressed minister and people on their respective duties.

The charge of North Williamsburgh is an important one. The field is wide and extensive, and by reason of its extent it will require great labor and assiduity on the part of the minister. Let us hope that this settlement may be the beginning of much spiritual good in the township of Williamsburgh, and that the ministrations of Mr. Davidson may be abundantly blessed to the large and fast increasing population amongst whom his lot is cast.

DEATH OF F. A. HARPER, Esq.

Our readers will be pained to learn of the death of this gentleman, which took place at his residence in Kingston on the 12th May in his 70th year.

It must be nearly 40 years since Mr. Harper came to Canada, and during the greater part of that time he has filled prominent positions in this Country, first as Cashier of the Commercial Bank of the Muland District, of which Institution he was one of the originators, and latterly as Commissioner of the Trust and Loan Com any of Upper Canada.

In Mr. Harper our Church has lost a warm friend and staunch supporter. For many years he took a most active interest in Queen's College, devoting to the care of its finances and to the general affairs of the College a large portion of his time, and rendering most valuable service from his great business experience. Mr. Harper was also a member of the Board appointed by our Church to manage the Temporalities Fund.

During the past year we have had to lament the removal from our midst of many whose names have been familiar to our readers as valuable members and office-bearers of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland, of men who, like Mr. Harper, have found time to render good service to our Church, while actively engaged in business pursuits. A younger generation is being called upon to fill their places, and to imitate the good examples they have shown. May our young men profit by the lesson, and remember that their time, talents and wealth are committed to them by their great Master, and that the Church

calls upon them to devote a portion of these to her service. This transitory scene is daily changing. No one knows what an hour may bring forth; some are called away after having spent a long life in honorable employments, while a few are summoned before they reach their prime. Let us then begin, and doing, for the night cometh when no man can work.

The following pleasing addresses were presented to the Rev. Dr. Cook, immediately before his departure from Kingston, at the close of the College Session.

To the Revd. John Cook, D.D.

REVD. AND DEAR SIR,—We, the members of Session, and Committee of Management of St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, feel that we cannot allow you to leave us at present without tendering you our warmest thanks for your able and valuable services during the past winter, which greatly assisted our respected minister in his pulpit duties.

You will also permit us to express our high appreciation of your pulpit ministrations as a minister of the Gospel of Christ, and our hope that your labours may not have been in vain, but that the seed sown by you may take root in many a heart and bring forth fruit to the praise of the glory of God.

In bidding you what we trust is only a temporary farewell, our prayer for you is, that you may return to your family and flock, over which the Holy Ghost has made you overseer, fully fraught with the blessings of the Gospel of Christ; and, in whatever sphere of usefulness it may please your Divine Master to employ you hereafter, you will carry with you our most tender regards and earnest prayers for the present and future welfare of yourself and family.

Trusting that it may please the Great Head of the Church long to spare you to labour in His vineyard, and that your eminent talents may become more and more useful,

We beg to subscribe ourselves,

(Signed,) Your Brethren in Christ,
JOHN MOWAT,—Elder.
JOSEPH BRUCE, "

ANDW. DAVENPORT, "
GEO. DAVIDSON, "
Chairman of Committee of Management.
WM. FERGUSON,—Elder.

Committee of Management.
JOHN KERR, "
ROBT. CARROLL, "
JOHN CREIGHTON, "
JOHN FRASER, "

Kingston, 23rd April, 1858.

To Rev. John Cook, D.D., Principal, Queen's College, Professor of Divinity,

THE DIVINITY HALL,
Session, '57-58.

DEAR SIR,—We, your Students, deeply sensible of the interest which you have all along manifested towards us, have come to express to you our gratitude and our attachment. We cannot let you go without the expression of these our feelings of respect and sincere affection.

We thank God, Sir, that in His Providence He has seen fit that we should have the benefit of your instructions, and the directions and advices of your talent and experience.

We thank God that the difficulties which seemed to darken the beginning of our Session have proved for our good and our best interest: for, when we refer to the circumstances which

engaged you to come to us, we cannot but thank Him who ordereth all things and "doeth all things well."

And we thank you, Sir, with our hearts for all that we have gained under your training. We need not speak of the course of Study—and of the great improvement we have received—these things speak for themselves. But, though you have told us we were indebted to Dr. Chalmers for the arrangement, we feel that you have been to us what this great man was to many; and, if his Students always looked up to him with profound admiration of his talents and kindness, we are sure they could not feel towards him more sincerely and warmly than your Students do towards yourself.

You have left in our minds, Sir, lessons that we cannot—must not—yea, will not forget; lessons of wisdom and truth,—clear ideas of Divine things—which we treasure up in our hearts together with the decision, energy and earnestness with which they were delivered. And, if we cannot forget these—we keep also in our minds the loving remembrance of your Christian kindness and affection—and of that courtesy and affability which you have ever manifested.

In these we feel we want to be your Students too.

We wish, indeed, we could better express our affection and esteem—as well as our respect and gratitude. Poor words are weak, we know, and come short of what we would desire to say—but in our hearts the feelings live and will remain,—lively, unvarying and true.

We would like to cherish the hope of meeting you again here,—but, whether we only separate for a time—or say "Farewell," we pray the God, whom we have thanked and praised together, to pour on you His choicest blessing. May God bless you and yours!

And may we always under Him be worthy co-workers in His vineyard. May we show ourselves worthy Students of our esteemed Professor—in the Church of God; and, when all our labours are ended, may we be found together sitting at the feet of Jesus the Teacher and Guide of us all—and dwell with Him for ever in His heavenly kingdom.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE,
Kingston, 20th April, 1858.

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We have much pleasure in inserting the ensuing address delivered by the Revd. Dr. Cook, Principal of that University, at the close of the Session.

The Church is under heavy obligation to Dr. Cook for the promptitude with which he consented to discharge the onerous duties of Principal during the past year. We trust that he may be induced to assume the office of Principal permanently. The interests of our Canadian Church would be thus greatly promoted.

GENTLEMEN,—We have now finished the business of this Session, and I will not detain you with many parting words. You have earned the approbation of your teachers, by your diligence, by the progress you have made in literary and scientific attainment, and by the propriety with which your whole conduct as students of this University has been distinguished. You are fairly entitled now to a season of at least comparative rest and relaxation. It is natural you should anticipate such a season with satisfaction. It is reasonable you should be permitted to enjoy it; and it is advantageous, as well as desirable and reasonable. However the character may be improved and