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### Poetry.

#### JERUSALEM'S EXILE.

[FOR THE RECORD.]

Where gently the waters of Babylon glide,  
And Chaldean cities arise in their pride;  
The land of the stranger was made our abode,  
Far, far from the home of our childhood beloved.

When twilight's grey mantle was thrown o'er the  
earth,

And many a dwelling resounded with mirth—  
Where moonbeams upon the soft rivulets slept,  
While others were joyous, we sat down and wept;

And thought on that dear land, so favoured of  
God,

The feet of our fathers so often had trod;  
In exile we sighed for her sad desolation—  
Her borders laid waste by Chaldea's proud nation.

The harps we once swept, with so joyous a hand,  
To Zion's sweet notes, in the patriarch's land,  
Upon the green willows we mournfully hung—  
Their cadence now silenced—their chords now  
anstrung.

And Zion, 'twas chiefly for thee that we wept—  
We sighed for the woes that had over thee swept;  
Thy crown had now fallen—thy beauty was gone,  
And Icha'el written where glory had shone.

Our spoilers then tauntingly joyed in our tears;  
They mocked at our sorrows—made mirth of our  
feats;

When sore pained for thee—as in anguish we  
sighed,  
"Sing now Zion's songs!" they exultingly cried.  
But ne'er in the land of the stranger our tongue,  
Shall sing the sweet anthems, so often we sung,  
Where Siloa's clear waters rolled gently along.  
And mingled their voice with the notes of our  
song.  
Jerusalem, wherever thy exile may be,  
The joy of my soul can be placed but in thee;  
My strength must first fail—yea my life must  
depart,  
Ere thou, my chief joy, be effaced from my heart.  
Knox's COLLEGE, J. A.  
Toronto, Feb., 1850.

### Notices.

#### SYNOD'S HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Synod's Home Mission Committee, will be held at Toronto, (D. V.) on Tuesday the 16th April, at six o'clock, p. m., when the Missionaries and Catechists at their disposal will be distributed for the summer half-year. Clerks of Presbyteries are requested to send to the Convener, applications for missionaries, not later than ten days previous to said meeting. At the same time they are specially requested to communicate such statistical information as may furnish materials for a General Report to the Synod. Please specify the number of stations within the bounds of the Presbytery, and the number of persons connected with each, as far as can be ascertained—the amount of missionary services supplied to these stations—whether religious services are conducted at the stations in the absence of a missionary, and what is the attendance on such occasions—what are the apparent fruits from the labours of the missionaries—what funds have been collected within the bounds of the Presbytery for the Presbytery's Home Mission—and how have they been applied—are there any localities within the bounds of the Presbytery where it would be desirable to open new stations? Mention any other particulars that would be generally interesting to the Church.

Last year the Report to the Synod was very imperfect, in consequence of several of the Presbyteries not furnishing the necessary information. It is hoped that all of them will attend to this duty for the current year.

It is further requested that those Congregations and Stations that have not yet made the Collection for the Synod's Home Mission Fund, will do so at their earliest convenience, and send the pro-

ceeds to the Treasurer, Mr. D. McLellan, Bookseller, Hamilton, in order that a full statement of the income may be submitted to the Committee at its next meeting.

RALPH ROBB, Convener.

#### PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The next ordinary meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto will be held in the Library of Knox's College, Toronto, on the first Wednesday of March, prox., at 12 o'clock, noon.

#### MEETING OF THE SYNOD'S HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

Hamilton, 9th January, 1850, the Synod's Home Mission Committee met, and was constituted with prayer. Present, Mr. Robb, Convener, Mr. Cheyne, Secretary, Mr. Stark and Mr. MacLellan, elder, Mr. McGregor and Mr. Meldrum, ministers. Mr. Osborne and Mr. Young, elders, being present took part in the proceedings.

A letter from the Rev. Mr. Bonar, Convener of the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, was read, referring to the office of Superintendent of Missions. A letter from the Rev. Mr. Alexander to the Secretary of this Committee, on the same subject, was also read. The Committee after lengthened deliberation, came to the resolution to delay for the present taking any step in the matter.

A letter from the Rev. Mr. McIntosh, to the Committee, was read, setting forth the destitution in the Presbytery of Montreal, and the urgent necessity of more labourers. A memorial from a Committee of the congregation of St. Gabriel-st. Church, was read, urgently craving a supply of missionary labour for that congregation. A letter from the Rev. Mr. Henry, on the same subject, was read. A letter from the Rev. Mr. Gale was read, intimating that the College Committee would send some of the more advanced students to supply any congregations, whose ministers might be sent for a short period to supply at Quebec, and St. Gabriel Street Church, Montreal.—The Committee felt that they had no authority to appoint ministers in charge of congregations, and as none present felt that they could leave their own congregations during any part of the winter season, they recommend that if the College Committee could find any minister in the Presbytery of Toronto, who could leave his charge for a time, and whose pulpit they could supply, to endeavour to make an arrangement with such. The Committee resolved to send Mr. Scott (though not yet licensed, to supply at Quebec, and St. Gabriel Street Church, Montreal, during the winter.—Closed with prayer.

GEORGE CHEYNE, Secretary.