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Poetry.

CONSOLATION.

FROM CRABBE.

Pilgrim burthen'd with thy sin,
Come the way to Zion's gate,
There till mercy lets thee in,
Knock, and weep, and watch, and wait.
Knock!—He knows the sinner's cry,
Weep!—He loves the mourner's tear;
Watch!—for saving grace is nigh;
Wait!—till heavenly light appear.

Hark! it is the bridegroom's voice;
Welcome, pilgrim, to thy rest;
Now within the gate rejoice,
Safe, and seal'd, and bought and blest.
Safe—from all the lures of vice,
Seal'd—by signs the chosen know,
Bought—by love, and life the price,
Blest—the mighty debt to owe.

Holy pilgrim! what for thee,
In a world like this remain?
From thy guarded breast shall flee,
Fear, and shame, and doubt, and pain
Fear—the hope of heaven shall fly,
Shame—from glory's view retire,
Doubt—in certain rapture die,
Pain—in endless bliss expire.

COLLEGE COMMITTEE.

It is expected that the Home Mission Committee may have an adjourned meeting in the course of Tuesday, the 17th April.

The College Committee will meet (D.V.) in the Library of Knox's College, on the evening of that day, at seven o'clock.

The usual examinations in all the different classes, will be conducted according to a programme to be afterwards issued. These examinations will commence on Wednesday, the 11th April, and will terminate on Tuesday, the 17th. A public meeting will be held in the Divinity Hall and Library, on Wednesday, the 18th, for the distribution of prizes, and for exercises appropriate to the closing of the session.

A full meeting of the College Committee is earnestly requested.

The friends of the College will be welcomed at the class examinations, while their attendance at the meeting on Wednesday, is especially requested.

KNOX'S COLLEGE,
28th March, 1849.

SYNOD'S HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

At Hamilton, the 10th day of January, 1849, the Synod's Home Mission Committee met in Knox's Church, and was constituted with prayer. Present:—Mr. Ralph Robb, Convener; Mr. M. Y. Stark, Mr. McGregor, Mr. Smellic, Mr. Meldrum, Mr. McIntosh, Mr. McLean, Ministers; Mr. George Davidson, and Mr. D. McLellan, Elders. The Minutes of last Sederunt were read and approved. An application from the Presbytery of Montreal, for Missionary laborers, was read. The Rev. Mr. McIntosh having been recommended to the Committee as a missionary, by the Presbytery of Hamilton, it was agreed that he be sent to the Presbytery of Montreal until the next meeting of the Committee. The Convener stated his conviction of the necessity of having a Superintendent of Missions, and suggested that there was a probability of the Committee obtaining the services of the Rev. Mr. Johnston, of Cummock, who lately visited this province, as a

Deputy from the Free Church of Scotland, an individual every way well fitted to discharge the duties of that office. It was agreed that the Convener be authorised to correspond with Mr. Johnston, and the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, on the subject, and that the sum of £250, per annum, be offered as salary. The Rev. Mr. Robb, and the Rev. Mr. Harris, were appointed members of the agency Committee, on behalf of the Home Mission Committee. The subject of supplementing the salaries of ministers, whose congregations do not come up to the minimum, was taken up and considered. On account of the incomplete state of the returns from congregations, it was agreed to refer the further consideration of it until next meeting. The Committee then adjourned, to meet at Toronto, at the close of the College Session.—Closed with prayer.

At Hamilton, the 30th day of January, 1849, the Synod's Home Mission Committee met, at the call of the Convener, and was constituted with prayer. Present:—Mr. Ralph Robb, Convener, Mr. George Cheyne, Secretary; Mr. M. Y. Stark, Mr. McLean, Ministers; and Mr. McMillan, and Mr. McLellan, Elders. The Minutes of last Sederunt were read and approved. The Convener read a letter, from the Rev. Mr. Bonar, Convener of the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, intimating that several young men, preachers of the Gospel, were willing to come out to Canada, as missionaries, stating that the Committee would pay their expenses to Canada, but from the state of their fund, could not support them as missionaries. A letter also from Mr. Balfour was read, intimating that a preacher of the Gospel had applied to be sent to Canada, as a missionary, and recommending him to this Committee. The Committee, after lengthened deliberation, authorised the Convener to reply to these letters, and state that this Committee would readily receive any missionaries, who came with the sanction of the Colonial Committee, but that they could not guarantee continued employment and support, unless they proved acceptable and efficient. The Convener informed the Committee that the Rev. Mr. McKinnon, having been loosed from the charge of the congregation at St. Thomas, was recommended to the Synod's Home Mission Committee, as a missionary. The Convener of the Mission Committee, of the Presbytery of Hamilton, having applied for the services of missionaries, as there was no missionary at present within their bounds, the Committee assigned Mr. Kinnon to the Presbytery of Hamilton. Closed with prayer.

GEO. CHEYNE, Secretary.