

Where such shining angels see  
 Their Father's face continually.  
 We must toil and suffer still,  
 Working out our Master's will:  
 Ours the sin, the pain, the loss;  
 Hers the crown without the cross;  
 To that little hand committed,  
 Sweetly sounding harp is fitted;  
 Even now to us is given,  
 Down the starry slope of heaven,  
 Whispers from the golden key,  
 Touched by faith and memory,  
 Strains of hope the soul to stir,  
 "We at last may go to her."

M. J. K.

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**MEETING OF GLASGOW PRESBYTERY.**
**ORDINATION OF MISSIONARIES FOR NOVA SCOTIA.**

The clerk read a letter addressed to Dr. Hill by the Secretary of the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly, stating that the four gentlemen from Glasgow University—Messrs. Grant, McMillan, Cameron, and McGregor—brought before the committee, had given the greatest satisfaction, and had been appointed to act as missionaries under the Presbytery of Pictou, Nova Scotia. The committee also recommended their early ordination.

Dr. Hill had very great pleasure indeed in thinking of the way in which the Colonial Committee had acted, in consequence of the manner in which he recommended those four gentlemen to the Assembly last May, and the readiness with which the committee had met the wishes of those gentlemen, who were licensed very lately, that they might go out with full powers to their native country to officiate as ministers of the Gospel. He hoped that this Presbytery would be ready to attend to the recommendation of the committee, and to grant the ordination as early as possible. It was the wish of those gentlemen to leave this country almost immediately—before the end of this month, if possible. They were ready to submit themselves to whatever examinations the Presbytery might think necessary; he knew that they were capable of standing such examinations. He had never met, in the course of his 20 years' experience in the College, with four students who so uniformly obtained his approbation, who showed talents that entitled them to be brought forward to prominent situations, and not only showed talents, but also what was of much more consequence, that they were imbued with Christian principles—that wherever they were called to labour their great object would be to preach Christ crucified. The Colonial Committee had expressed very strongly its opinion both of the character and the talents of those gen-

tlemen. He looked forward with very great delight indeed to the effect which their ministrations were likely to produce in the colonies. If they had but a succession of these young men now going out year after year to these colonies, the churches there would speedily be supplied with men as eminent ambassadors for Christ as any who had ever appeared in that capacity. He concluded by moving that the Presbytery consent at once to grant ordination.

Dr. Norman Macleod said he must be permitted to second the motion which had just been made with so much feeling and so much grace by Dr. Hill. It was now nearly fifteen years—and it looked like history—since he had the high honour of being sent by the Church of Scotland as one of a deputation—the first that ever went from the Church of Scotland—to visit the congregations in the North American colonies. The scene he witnessed in Pictou could never be obliterated from his mind. It was as fresh now on his memory as the day he saw it. They administered the communion there to a multitude of Scotchmen, chiefly Highlanders, numbering, he believed, no fewer than 6,000 people; and a more intelligent, Christian people they had not in connection with their Church; nor had they in the world more enthusiastic friends of their Church. And yet there were eleven congregations, and only one minister; and they (the deputation) were placed in the painful position of not being able, in truth, to promise them a speedy supply. They might, perhaps, at the time have sent preachers who could speak English, but in the then state of their home Church, and the scarcity of Gaelic preachers they could give no promise of pastors to them. It was then suggested what an advantage it would be if young men could be sent from the colonies, speaking Gaelic or not, to study here. By and by, efficient labourers went out, preaching English. They were able to send out some missionaries; the Presbytery of Pictou was strengthened, and most gallantly, with a great deal of Christian chivalry; that Presbytery originated a scheme for sending to this country, and supporting, so far as it was needed, the young men who should study here. Accordingly, those four young men were sent from the Highland Scotch people in Nova Scotia to study in this country. They were assisted at first by the Presbytery but during their later years they had been able, by their own energy and diligence, to support themselves. He had known them as intimate friends ever since they landed on these shores—two of them were members of his congregation and two were members of his father's congregation. He had had the most intimate communion with them during the last eight years—it looked but like a few weeks since they first came from Nova Scotia—and he could with all his heart re-echo every word that had been uttered by Dr.