

Beyond.

It seemeth such a little way to me
Across to that strange country, the
Beyond,
And yet not strange, for it has grown
to be
The home of those of whom I am so
fond:
They make it seem familiar and most
dear,
As journeying friends bring distant
countries near.

So close it lies that when my sight is
clear
I think I see the gleaming strand;
I know I feel that those who've gone
from here
Come near enough to touch my hand,
I often think but for our veiled eyes.
We would find Heaven right around
us lies.

I cannot make it seem a day to dread
When from this dear earth I shall
journey out
To that still dearer country of the dead,
And join the lost ones so long dream-
ed about,
I love this world, yet shall I love to go
And meet the friends who wait for
me, I know.

And so for me there is no sting in
death,
And so the grave has lost its victory;
It is but crossing with a bated breath
And white-set face, a little strip of
sea,
To find the loved ones waiting on the
shore,
More beautiful, more precious, than
before.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Presbytery of Chicago.

The Presbytery of Chicago has been
much exercised over the reception of
the Rev. Frank V. Vrooman, a Congrega-
tional minister, recently called to the
Kenwood church, within its bounds. At
a meeting of Presbytery, in answer
to questions, Mr. Vrooman said he
"could not subscribe to the articles re-
lating to foreordination and predestina-
tion," but made "some exceptions, and
had ideas with regard to free will."
To the question whether he believed in
the Trinity, he said, "in a certain
sense," but that he could not "venture
to make an explanation as to just what
he did believe."

"Do you believe in the inerrancy of
the Scriptures?"

"No. . . I cannot believe in the in-
errancy of the Bible, particularly as
there are several palpable errors in cer-
tain books."

"Do you believe in the inerrancy of
the New Testament and the four Gos-
pels?"

"No, I do not." He also rejected the
doctrine of eternal punishment that
"the wicked would be punished forever
by God."

On being asked whether he had "ever
any idea or intention of subscribing to
the Westminster Confession after he had
accepted the call, or when before the
Examining Committee," he answered:
"When I came here I did not expect
to find a rational being who believed
in every article in the Westminster
Confession."

As it transpired that he had not given
special attention to "the study of
Dogmatic Theology," and it was mani-
fest that he was ignorant of what our
Confession of Faith teaches, he was given
further time for studying it.

The next week he appeared before
the Presbytery and read a state-
ment of his theological views which in-
dicated that he was not clear on a
number of the fundamental doctrines
taught in the Confession. After some
dissension a motion to sustain his ex-
amination was carried by a vote of 69
to 29. When the usual questions were
put to him he answered them, but with
evident hesitation and reluctance,
attempt to qualify having to be check-
ed by the Moderator. Dr. Bryan filed
formal complaint against the proceed-
ings of the Presbytery and the case is
likely to run its course through Synod
and Assembly.

SOFT EYES DR. ISAAC THOMPSON'S EYE WATER

Meetings of Presbyteries.

- ALGOMA—Gore Bay, September.
- BRANDON—July 14th, 10 a.m.
- BROOKVILLE—Lyn, July 14th, 3 p.m.
- CHATHAM—Chatham, July 14th, 10 a.m.
- GLENGARRY—Alexandria, July 14th.
- HURON—Goderich, July 14th, 11 a.m.
- KAMLOOPS—Enderby, B.C., September 1st.
- LINDSAY—Wick, June 24th. S.S. convention day following.
- MINNEBOSA—Shoal Lake, July 6th, 7.30 p.m.
- MONTREAL—Montreal, Knox church, June 30th, 10 a.m.
- MAITLAND—Lucknow, June 30th, at 1 p.m.; Regular Bi-monthly meeting at Wingham, July 21st, at 11.30 a.m.
- OWEN SOUND—Meaford, Erskine church, June 30th, 10 a.m.
- PARIS—Ingersoll, St. Paul's church, July 7th, 11 a.m.
- PETERBORO—Peterboro, St. Andrew's church, 1st Tues. July, 9 a.m.
- QUEBEC—Quebec, Morrin College, July 7th.
- ROCK LAKE—Morden, Knox church, July 7th, 3 p.m.
- REGINA—Qu'Appelle Station, July 8th.
- SARNIA—Sarnia, July 14th.
- SAUGEN—Harriston, Knox church, July 14.
- SUPERIOR—Rat Portage, Sept. 9th, 2 p.m.
- STRATFORD—Stratford, Knox church, July 14th, 10.30 a.m.
- TORONTO—Toronto, St. Andrew's church, first Tuesday of every month.
- WHITBY—Dunbarton, Tuesday, July 21st at 10 o'clock a.m.

Stated Collections for Schemes.

THE General Assembly has directed that the Stated Collections for the Schemes of the Church, in congregations where there are no Missionary Associations, be made as follows:—
Augmentation Fund, 3rd Sab. January.
Aged and Infirm Min. Fund, 3rd Sab. Feb.
Foreign Missions, 3rd Sab. March.
French Evangelization, 4th Sab. July.
Home Missions, 4th Sab. August.
Colleges, 3rd Sab. September.
Widow's and Orphan's Fund, 3rd Sab. Oct.
Assembly Fund, 3rd Sab. November.
Manitoba College, 3rd Sab. December.
Directed also, that all congregations and mission stations to be enjoined to contribute to the schemes of the Church.
Further, that contributions be sent to the agents of the Church as soon as possible after the collections are made.

There is a God!

BY JOHN IMRIE, TORONTO, CANADA.
THERE is a God!—I know full well,
Though I have never seen His face;
Earth, sea and sky, His power tell,
His handiwork in these I trace.
There is a God!—the heavens declare
His gracious presence night and morn;
Sun, moon, and stars in God's pure air
Laugh infidelity to scorn.
There is a God!—each flower I see
Seems but to live to speak His praise;
Each blade of grass, each leaf-crown'd tree,
Their heads in grateful gladness raise!
There is a God!—thus saith the sea,
Rock'd in the cradle of His hand;
Emblem of God's immensity,
Mov'd by the winds at His command.
There is a God!—the mountains high
Point to His heavenly throne above!
The stars that twinkle in the sky
Proclaim a God—a God of love!
Thou art my God!—Thy word doth show
The imprint of Thy hand divine;
'Tis from its pages that I know
My soul is kindred soul to Thine!

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