

we have not a shadow of an excuse for standing back and withholding our support. We are bound to forward the interests of this scheme not merely on the grounds of general Christian duty, but also on the grounds of Christian Patriotism. Who among our adherents does not wish to see our beloved Church prosper in this country? Who does not earnestly pray for the success of our Zion, "for the lengthening of her cords and the strengthening of her stakes?" Yet we would remind them that the sincerity of their prayers is very questionable if they content themselves by resting without putting forth any vigorous exertions to promote the object of their prayers. Christ at his departure committed the interests of his kingdom to his followers. That kingdom was to spread and flourish through the blessing of God or human agency. In this great work every follower must take a part, and each according to his ability. He has a just claim on our time and talents, and he expects some sacrifice from each of his servants. And surely we cannot deny him this. Surely we cannot refuse to do a little for Him who has done so much for us. Is it not a great privilege to be allowed to be fellow-workers in the grand cause? to be enabled to enjoy the satisfaction of feeling that we are doing something for the promotion of the Kingdom of Christ?

We therefore appeal confidently to our friends in behalf of this scheme. We trust they will regard it to be both a privilege and duty to aid it by their contributions, and so enable the Presbytery to send additional young men to study for the work of the ministry. To the collectors we would beg to say one word in conclusion. Much of our success depends upon you. We would wish you to feel that you are (independent of higher consideration) performing a duty and a service to your country and your Church, and we feel confident that you will do it with energy and zeal. Do not be discouraged even should you meet with coldness and indifference in some quarters (which I do not much anticipate.) Let the goodness of the cause in which you are engaged arouse your exertions, and may the blessing of God crown your labors.

S. M. G.

For the "Record."

Where the churchyard foliage waves,
Side by side two grass-grown graves;
Thine the resting place of one
Dying when life's day was done:
That for her, a little rose
Blighted ere the morning's close:
He on sunset closed his eyes;
She but saw that sun arise.

Broken by the changeful strife,
Weary with the march of life,
At the curfew's summoning bell
He, the veteran soldier, fell.

When the midnight watch came round
Laid his knapsack on the ground,
Humbly crossed his hands in rest,
Folded on a silent breast.

She, among the flowers at play,
Lovely as the new-born day,
Knowing not of toil or care,
Innocent as angels are,
Girt with love and household blessing,
All life's richest gifts possessing,
Heaven exhaled the perfume dear
Of our dewdrop sparkling here.

He, an exile on our shore,
Sought a home for evermore.
Boyhood's dawn and manhood's prime
Nurtured in that glorious clime
Where bright waters lave the strand
Of the German fatherland:
Here a wandering household leaf;
There the reaper bound the sheaf.

She, a blossom of the lea,
Ours from earliest infancy,
Like a Mayflower on the sod,
Sinless from the hand of God.
Nothing there—her all was here,
Household love that held her dear;
Yet she knew the summoning word,
When our Father's voice was heard.

There they lay, grandsire and child;
Tears have fallen, lips have smiled;
Many a weary year since each
Dumb became to mortal speech.
What are we? and what are they?
Ours to suffer, ours to pray,
Waiting for the Master's call:
Theirs — Oh God! thou knowest all,
Halifax, June 20th, 1861. M. J. K.

ECCLESIASTICAL ITEMS,

PRESIDENT EDWARD'S RESOLUTIONS.—SELECTED FROM SEVENTY CONTAINED IN HIS MEMOIR.—Being sensible that I am unable to do anything without God's help, I do humbly entreat him by his grace to enable me to keep these resolutions, so far as they are agreeable to his will, for Christ's sake.

1. That *I will do whatsoever* I think to be most to the glory of God (and my own good, profit, and pleasure, in the whole of my duration, without any consideration of the time, whether now, or never so many myriads of ages hence.) Resolved to do whatever I think to be my *duty*, and most for the good and advantage of mankind in general. Resolved so to do, whatever *difficulties* I meet with, how many soever, and how great soever.

5. Never to lose one moment of time, but to improve it in the most profitable way I possibly can,