

Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe has become a member of the Episcopal Church. Her sister, Miss Catharine Beecher, has been a member of the same communion for some time.

CANADA.—The whole of the remaining debt upon the Cathedral of Montreal having now been paid off, the building will be consecrated on the 18th day of this month, on which day also the Synod of the Metropolitan Diocese will meet. Several bishops and a large number of clergy, both from the British North American dioceses and the United States, are expected to be present.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The Rev. Charles Medley, late of St. John's, Newfoundland, has returned to New Brunswick, and is to succeed the Rev. Charles P. Bliss, as Rector of the Parish of Sussex. He is himself succeeded in Newfoundland by the Rev. Mr. Caswell, son of the well-known Dr. Caswell, Rector of Figheldean, Eng.

We are glad to hear that the Rev. J. J. Hill is winning golden opinions in his scene of labour.

The young Marquis of Bute utterly denies the truth of the paragraph which has been going the rounds of the papers relating to his perversion to the Church of Rome. He declares that he has no intention of joining the Romish Church.

The Archdeacon of St. John's Nfld., is shortly to be consecrated co-adjutor Bishop of the diocese.

Reviews.

STEPS TO THE ALTAR, by W. E. SCUDAMORE, M. A., Rector of Ditchingham.

We have seen no manual of preparation for the Holy Communion so well suited to the wants of the great body of churchmen as this. It is a compilation from the writings of men, eminent for holiness and learning, but with the language so simplified as to be useful to a larger class of readers than can be expected to profit by the ordinary manuals. It contains a week's preparation for the Lord's Supper, with devotions at and after the celebration,—an office for spiritual communion, for invalids, and others who cannot attend,—and an appendix with prayers and meditations, from various authors.

It is withal so cheap as to be quite within the reach of our people.

We have received the Report of the Medical Commission on the state of the Lunatic Asylum at Mount Hope, Dartmouth, and perceive by the Report of the Committee of the House of Assembly, appended to the pamphlet that the recent complaints against the Institution in the case of Richard Hurley have had a tendency to weaken the confidence of the public in its management, an effect deprecated as groundless by the Committee. The work of the Medical Superintendent has evidently been too great for any one man, and the wonder is how Dr. Dewolf succeeded so well as he did. The change lately inaugurated in the Institution will now place it beyond criticism, and its rate of mortality has always been far less, whilst its recovery-rate has been greater than those in the majority of the Lunatic Asylums of America.

We are again indebted to Miss Katzmann of the Provincial Book Store, Granville Street, for late English papers.

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