

the approval of the Primate, and a large committee has been appointed for carrying the work through. Several eminent scholars are to be engaged in the undertaking, including Bishop Ellicott, Professor Maxwell, the Dean of Canterbury, and Archbishop Trench. We fear the scheme may not succeed according to expectation. Where views are so very divergent as those which may be found within the pale of the Established Church, we do not see how an authoritative Commentary can be compiled. There is difficulty enough with the Prayer Book and Articles, and we fear that to produce an authoritative Commentary would only show the extent to which doctrinal differences prevail.

THE REV. G. GUINNESS.—The "Edinburgh Witness" refers to an advertisement which had appeared, announcing that the Rev. Grattan Guinness, of Dublin, would preach on a certain Sabbath in Moray Church, Canongate, and in the Free Assembly Hall in the evening, and asks whether this is the reverend gentleman of the same name who, some months ago, said, in a sermon preached at Belfast, "I have travelled the four quarters of the world—I have seen the various forms of civilized and savage life—I have seen religion in every aspect of it; but I never anywhere encountered so much religious profession with so little religious vitality as I have seen among the Presbyterians of Scotland and Ulster," and when called upon to substantiate the statement, declined to do so. The "Witness" says: "If this be the same gentleman, it will be regarded as something extraordinary to find him again appearing in a Free Church pulpit, and in the Hall of the General Assembly itself."

Home Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

MONO.—The Rev. A. Brown has accepted a call from the congregation of Mono.

LICENSE.—Mr. James Mitchell, B. A., has been licensed to preach the gospel by the Presbytery of Toronto.

KNOX COLLEGE STUDENTS' TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY.—We are glad to know that the principles of Total Abstinence are adopted almost universally by the students of Knox College. They have had a flourishing society for several years. The annual meeting of the Society was held on the evening of the 11th ult., when the following office-bearers were elected for the year:—Pres. Mr. R. N. Grant; Vice-Pres. Mr. J. F. Forbes; Secretary, Mr. McLean; Treasurer, Mr. D. Davidson; Committee, Messrs. Warden, Carswell, Burns, and McNabb.

MELVILLE CHURCH FERGUS.—In our last issue the contributions of Melville Church, Fergus, per Foreign Missions is, by error of the press, made \$5 00. It should have been \$50 00. The Congregation, like most of the congregations in the Presbytery of Guelph, has formed a missionary association, through whose agency the contributions for the various objects are raised. The association has only been in operation at Fergus for nine months, and during that time has raised \$258, including \$53 90 for the Home Mission Fund of the Presbytery. The result is certainly highly encouraging.

EAST ALDBORO.—In a late issue the contribution of this congregation for Knox College was entered in the *Record* as \$10. This was a typographical error, the amount was \$12.

KINGSTON—CHALMERS' CHURCH.—We are glad to hear that the congregation of Chalmers' Church, Kingston, have, with commendable consideration and liberality, presented their Pastor, the Rev. P. Gray, with a gift amounting to \$107, in token of their cordial esteem and affection.

ACTON.—The amount from Acton, \$18, acknowledged in last number as for Widows' Fund, should have been acknowledged thus:—Widows' Fund, \$10; Synod Fund, \$8.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—This Presbytery met on the first Tuesday of December. The following are the principal items of business transacted:—

A call was sustained from Mono, in favour of Rev. A. Brown. Mr. Brown being present intimated his acceptance of the call.