

publication might prove an incentive to Canadian ministers, and others, for cultivating more fully the learning and scholarship, which would be demanded for the writing of articles for a Quarterly Review. It is true that Canadian writers can find access to the public through the pages of British and American Reviews. Occasional articles, indeed, appear in these from the pens of Canadian writers. Still there is reason to believe that special benefits would result, both to contributors and readers, from the publication in Canada of a Presbyterian Quarterly Review.

History of Congregations.

SKETCH OF THE HISTORY OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, KINGSTON, AND OF SOME CONGREGATIONS IN THE VICINITY.

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* As Kingston is the oldest city in Ontario, so St. Andrew's Church,—the first Presbyterian Church there organized, is one of the oldest Presbyterian congregations in the Province. The building itself is almost as old as the congregation—not having been yet replaced by a more modern structure. On the 26th of September, 1821, its first minister was appointed by the Presbytery of Edinburgh, to whom the choice had been committed by the representatives of the congregation. The Rev. John Barclay, who was selected by the Edinburgh Presbytery, was ordained by them over his new charge, in which he laboured for five years, winning the deep respect and warm love of his people, and died, deeply mourned by them, exactly five years from the day of his ordination. A stone monument, handsome in the style of that time, marks his last resting place in the old cemetery at Kingston, a still existing token of the affection of his congregation.

Bereaved of their beloved young Pastor the people again approached the Presbytery of Edinburgh, with the request that they should select another labourer to fill his place, embodying in their application the request that the new Pastor elect might as far as possible resemble him "whose early removal they so deeply and so justly deplored." The choice of the Presbytery fell on the Rev. John Machar, who, during his long ministry of thirty-seven years, entirely spent in Kingston, largely helped to consolidate and extend the foundations of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and passed away in 1863, still more deeply lamented by his congregation than his youthful predecessor. Dr. Machar, who received the degree of D.D. from the University of Edinburgh in 1847, was one of the founders of Queen's University, acting for several years as its Principal, and both as Trustee and Divinity Professor, labouring unweariedly in its interests. In the then spiritually destitute condition of the country,