

fitted for the Chapel of Garioch. Mr. MacKersy has justified the good things spoken of him by intimating that he will not pursue the case farther. The Church is thus spared the scandals connected with "a disputed settlement."

8.—CAMPBELTOWN.—The Rev. John Cameron, previous to leaving for his new parish, Dunoon, was entertained at a public dinner, and was presented with a splendid time-piece and a purse of sovereigns.

IV.—Other Churches.

1.—The Old Catholic movement continues to grow, especially in Germany and Switzerland, where the masses of the people are educated and thoughtful. The third Congress of the German Old Catholics was held this year, in the month of September, in Constance, that they might be able to hold out a hand to their Swiss and Austrian brethren, and the progress reported was simply marvellous, considering the difficulties that the leaders of the movement have had to struggle against. Bishop Reinkens pointed out that three years ago, when they met in November to consider what they should do, the Old Catholics numbered fourteen individuals, whereas now they have nearly 100 congregations with 50,000 organized adherents; and he referred with justifiable pride to the fact that the progress was far greater than that made in the same time by Luther and his colleagues.

Schulte was elected President for the third time. He assured the Congress that, though they had not priests or pastors enough to supply them, they numbered 200,000 zealous and devoted adherents in the German Empire, and that many more were waiting to join them. The necessity of providing a good theological education was strongly insisted upon, as Professor Knoodt and others declared that clerical education in Germany had sunk so low during the last ten or fifteen years that few of the "New Catholic" priests who joined them would be fit for parochial cures. Six young men are to enter the University of Bonn this winter to study Old-Catholic Theology.

They decided upon an excellent constitution for the church at this Congress,

a constitution that seems to us to combine some of the best features of the Presbyterian and Episcopal forms of government. The Synod is the Supreme Court. It is to consist of the Bishop, the priests in charge of the congregations, and a lay delegate for every 200 members of the congregation. The Synod is to meet annually, or oftener if convened by the Bishop and his Council. The Synod is to elect the Bishop from a list of names proposed by the Council. The Synod also choose the Council, which is to be a sort of Commission of Synod, and to consist of the Bishop, four priests, and five laymen, one of each order retiring every year. The congregations elect their own pastors, who are to be confirmed by the Bishop, but not removable except by regular process, and for offences against faith, discipline, or morals.

The leaders of the Old Catholic movement are kings of men. The Vatican Council was declared to be the great triumph of the Papacy. Here is one of its immediate results. A few more such triumphs is the worst that its bitterest enemies could wish for Rome.

2.—ANOTHER REFORMER. — The following letter, addressed to the Archbishop of Lyons, appears in the *Journal de Genève*, of August 2nd:—

"MONSEIGNEUR,—I am a priest of the diocese of Lyons, and as such have the honour of informing you that I join myself in mind and heart to the great Catholic Reform so courageously inaugurated in Germany and in Switzerland. The action thus taken, Monseigneur, is not the effect of momentary caprice. It is the result of my experience and the fruit of my studies. I am, in fact, profoundly convinced that the present Roman Catholic system is, for the peoples who are subject to it, a principle of demoralization and of unbelief, and, in this way, a cause of decadence.

"The high and generous lessons of the Gospel are no longer taught or understood, but in their place mean and ridiculous devotions make prey of souls; and, from the lowest round in the social ladder even to the highest, a superstition which the paganism of old would not disavow, asserts itself with boldness.

"The clergy groan in silence under