

REV. D. MCKENZIE, ZORRA.—Several members and adherents of the congregation of Zorra have lately presented a very handsome and valuable buggy to their pastor, the Rev. Donald McKenzie, as a token of their esteem for his ministerial labours among them, and his services in the Bible Class. It is delightful to recollect that this is but a renewed expression of esteem and attachment on the part of his flock to the minister of Zorra. Such substantial and repeated expressions of good-will towards him must be very gratifying and encouraging indeed.—*Communicated.*

COOKE'S CHURCH, TORONTO.—We are glad to state that the Rev. Andrew Marshall has accepted a call to this congregation, and that his induction has been appointed to take place on the 6th current. Mr. Marshall will enter on his charge with the prospect of extensive usefulness.

REV. J. SCOTT, LONDON.—Before Mr. Scott's departure on a short visit to Scotland, he was waited on by a deputation from the congregation, and presented with the very handsome sum of one hundred and twenty pounds. This really useful gift was accompanied by an address expressive of the warmest attachment to Mr. Scott on the part of all the members of the congregation, and of their ardent hope that he may be soon restored in the enjoyment of so-invigorated health and strength.

REV. DR. BAYNE.—We rejoice to understand, that, from letters lately received from this esteemed Minister of our Church, there is reason to look for his return in the course of this season. Dr. Bayne proposed to sail in the end of August, or beginning of September. The state of his health has prevented an earlier return.

SYNOD OF FREE CHURCH IN NOVA SCOTIA.—We received at the very close of the month the July number of the *Record*, containing the proceedings of the Synod. We shall give a synopsis in our next number.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.—The Minutes will be issued immediately, and parcels of them sent to all the Ministers of Synod. They would have been printed sooner, but it was necessary to delay in order to have the statistical tables as full as possible.

REV. R. IRVINE OF KNOX'S CHURCH, HAMILTON.—The honorary degree of D. D. has been conferred by the University of New York on this respected minister.

OVERTURE ON DUTIES OF ELDERS AND DEACONS.—We are under the necessity of deferring the publication of this overture till next number.

#### ERECTION OF NEW CHURCH, MILTON.

It is not very long ago since a station in connexion with the Presbyterian Church of Canada was opened at Milton. The progress of the cause since its commencement has been highly satisfactory. There is now a respectable and

large congregation, and the foundation stone of a church, the expense of which will be about £1000, was laid on Monday 7th ult. The communion had been dispensed on the preceding Sabbath by the Rev. James Nisbet of Oakville, who has taken a great interest in the congregation. A large assemblage attended on the occasion of laying the foundation stone, which was formally done by John Martin, Esq. Suitable and eloquent addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Nisbet, Irvine, and Geikie. We trust that ere long a faithful and devoted Minister will be settled over this congregation, in connexion with Boston Church, these two stations being in the meantime connected together.

#### OPENING OF NEW CHURCH AT FISHERVILLE.

Fisherville is a station that now forms part of the pastoral charge of Mr. Wightman of York Mills. In that locality, a monthly service, and that only on week day evenings, was given during the time that York Mills and Scarboro' formed one pastoral charge. In the fall of 1852 regular Sabbath supply was asked by the Presbyterian friends in that neighbourhood, and granted by the Presbytery—the Students of Knox's College giving the supply till February 1853, when York Mills and Scarboro' were separated into two distinct pastoral charges. A temporary place of meeting was secured, but it was felt to be desirable both for the comfort and increase of the Congregation, that a suitable place of worship should be erected in that vicinity. After some delay in carrying out this contemplated object, the congregation meeting there, with the help of others friendly to the cause of Church extension, and of Presbyterianism in that neighbourhood, have now completed a very comfortable small Church, which was opened for public worship on Sabbath the first of June. The services on the occasion were conducted principally by the Rev. Dr. Willis, of Knox's College. The collection on behalf of the building fund amounted to £14 14s. While the labours of our Ministers ought to be concentrated as much as practicable, so that it may not be desirable to multiply stations in the outskirts of the regular pastoral charges, yet in many parts of this country such out stations seem necessary in order to gather in our scattered adherents.—*Communicated.*

#### NOTICES OF PUBLICATIONS.

MEMOIRS OF JOHN KITTO, D. D., F. S. R., author of *Daily Bible Illustrations, &c., &c.*, compiled chiefly from his letters and journals by J. E. Ryland, M. A. New York: R. Carter & Brothers, and J. C. Geikie, Toronto.

Few names of the present age have been more familiar to Biblical students than that of Dr. Kitto. Nor has his celebrity been undeserved. Both the success which he attained in the walk of biblical literature, and the means by which he attained that success have been sufficient to gain the highest respect and admiration of the community, and may well stimulate others to strive to overcome difficulties and encounter hardships

in the pursuit of knowledge. Dr. Kitto's principal works were, "The Pictorial Bible," "Pictorial History of Palestine and the Holy Land," "Cyclopædia of Biblical Literature," "Journal of Sacred Literature," and what will perhaps continue to be the most popular of all his works, "Daily Bible Illustrations." To these works there is frequent reference in these volumes, which indeed may be said to contain an autobiography of Kitto. We have read them with much interest, and have no doubt others will do so too.

THE BIBLICAL REPOSITORY AND PRINCETON REVIEW, for July 1856.

We have just received this able periodical. We have not had time fully to examine its contents, but may give a more extended notice of it next month. In the meantime we just announce the contents. They are as follows:—1. Harmonies of the Gospel. 2. Sydney Smith as a Minister of Religion. 3. Principles of the Philosophy of Language. 4. Ruskin's Lectures on Architecture and Painting. 5. Lyall's Mental Philosophy. 6. Waldegrave on Millenarianism. 7. The General Assembly of 1856.

EVENING INCENSE. By the author of "Morning and Night Watches," &c., &c. New York: R. Carter & Brothers. Sold by D. McLellan, Hamilton.

We have had occasion more than once to notice and recommend the works of the author of this volume. The volume before us contains a series of evening prayers, and is intended to be companion to the "Morning Watches." They breath a spirit of ardent devotion and deep spirituality of mind. The volume will, we doubt not, be as popular as the rest of the productions of its excellent author.

A MEMOIR OF ADLAIDE J. NEWTON. By the Rev. J. Baillie, author of "Memoirs of Hewitson." New York: R. Carter & Brothers. Sold by D. McLellan, Hamilton.

This is a very delightful memoir. The subject of it was during her brief sojourn a most devoted follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. Her mind was of no common order. She gave much attention to the study and exposition of the word of God, and was the author of a work on the "Song of Solomon." Her holy life was an illustration of the power and excellence of the Gospel.

NORTH BRITISH REVIEW FOR MAY, 1856.

The May number of this excellent Review sustains its character. Our space will enable us merely to give a list of the articles which it contains. They are the following, viz:—1. Plays and Parities. 2. Life and Writings of the late Mr. Justice Talford. 3. Historical Painting—Macaulay. 4. British New Testament criticism. 5. Grote's History of Greece. 6. The weather and its prognostics. 7. Indian Literature. 8. Outrages on women. 9. Peace and its political duties.

THE ROCK, AND ITS MISSION, PAST AND PRESENT. Dedicated to the British and Foreign Bible Society, and to the friends of Bible circulation throughout the world. London: Samuel Bagster & Sons.

The special object of this periodical is to give