

to the Board to take the necessary steps for raising money for the liquidation of the debt. In the meantime the Rev. A. Topp, Chairman of the Board, has given his attention to the matter, and has drawn up a plan for the raising of the necessary funds. The scheme which embraces all the congregations of the Church, will shortly be brought before them in a circular on the subject. Meantime it is encouraging to state that the first part of it, which aimed at so many subscriptions of £50 (\$200), has been, we may say, secured in the course of the last ten days. The cities of Montreal, Quebec, and Ottawa, and the town of Brockville, have been visited already. Their contributions have exceeded the amount looked for in the scheme, so that if the other cities and towns, when visited, as they will be shortly, are equally liberal, the first and second parts of the plan will be crowned with success. It will then depend on the Congregations of the Church from which a very moderate average sum will be expected, to complete the amount necessary to wipe off the debt entirely. Particulars will be given in next Record.

FARNHAM.—INDUCTION.

The Presbytery of Montreal met in the Church of Farnham Centre on Wednesday the 18th current, for the induction of the Rev. Daniel Anderson into the pastoral charge of the congregations of Farnham Centre and West. The weather, which was all that could be desired, enabled many to come from a distance, so that the church was well filled with a highly respectable and attentive audience. The service began about half-past ten o'clock, morning. The Presbytery having been constituted by prayer in the vestry, the edict was again ordered to be read to the congregations as had already been done on previous Sabbath. No objections being offered, the services of the day were proceeded with. The Rev. A. F. Kemp, who has taken a deep interest in these stations from the beginning, presided, and preached an effective sermon from Luke viii. 18: "Take heed, therefore, how ye hear." After sermon, the usual questions having been asked, and answered by minister and people, Mr. Anderson was inducted as pastor of the congregations in Farnham, and received the right hand of fellowship from the brethren of the Presbytery. The Rev. Dr. Taylor, Moderator of Synod, then addressed the minister in that impressive and dignified manner for which he is so remarkable—finely exhibiting the deportment of the Christian gentleman, as well as of a father in Israel. The Rev. W.

Couthard of St. Louis and Valleyfield, also efficiently addressed the people as to their duty to their pastor, and their intercourse one with another. After service, Mr. Anderson received the hearty congratulations of the congregation at the door of the church. In the afternoon of the same day, a soiree took place which was provided by the ladies of the congregation and other friends, and which, it is scarcely necessary to say, manifested abundance and variety of the good things of this life. Besides the brethren of the Presbytery, there were present, with their ladies, J. O'Halloran, Esq. M.P.P. for the county, and Dr. Gibson of Dunham. Rev. Mr. Thornlow, Wesleyan minister, though present in the early part of the day, had reluctantly to leave on account of domestic affliction. As the result of the genial influence of the addresses of the gentlemen above named, it is pleasing to state that the sum of \$170, which still remained as debt upon the church, was put in a fair way of being speedily raised. The choir of the Sons of Temperance enlivened the proceedings of the day by singing a number of excellent pieces appropriate to the occasion.

The congregation is thus laid under deep obligation, not only to the members of Presbytery, but to the other friends who so kindly lent their valuable aid in contributing to so desirable a result.

The church, which is thus nearly free of debt, is a brick one, with a handsome steeple, and is creditably finished inside. Altogether it is an ornament to the neighborhood. Mr. Anderson, who is the first permanent minister the congregation has had, enters upon an interesting field of labour, to which he has been most cordially called. —Com.

Items of Religious and General Intelligence.

SOCIAL SCIENCE CONGRESS.—The Social Science Congress was held this year at Dublin. The meeting was a very successful one. Lord Brougham, as President, was received with great enthusiasm. There were discussions on the subject of religious education, the employments of women, and various other important topics.

THE STATE OF RELIGION IN BULGARIA.—For some time there has been considerable excitement in Bulgaria arising from a strenuous attempt of the Roman Catholics to establish their power in that land. This has been defeated, and the tendency of things there is in favour of Protestantism.

BISHOPS APPOINTED.—Dr. Baring, Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, succeeds the late Hon. and Rev. Dr. Villiers, Bishop of Durham; and Dr. Baring is succeeded by Dr. Thomson, a very eminent Theological Professor of Oxford. Dr. Baring is thoroughly evangelical, and Dr. Thomson is one of those who are stepping into the field to continue the "Essays and Reviews."

COLLEAGUE AND SUCCESSOR TO DR. CAMPBELL.—The Presbytery of Hamilton have refused the translation of Mr. Dykes, from East Kilbride to Free St. Georgis, Edinburgh. The case is appealed to the Synod of Glasgow.

DEATH OF MR. DOUGLAS OF CAVERS.—Recent papers convey tidings of the death of James Douglas Esquire of Cavers. Mr. Douglas was a man of high christian principle. He wrote several popular treatises on philosophical and religious subjects.

PROVINCIAL SYNOD OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN CANADA.—This Synod met in Montreal on 10th September and continued in session for several days. Considerable time was taken up in discussing the patent of the Metropolitan's appointment, and in drawing up standing rules for the conduct of business. It was agreed that the Bishops should sit as one House, and the clergy and lay delegates as another. Rev. Dr. Beaven was elected Prolocutor of the Lower House. The Provincial Synod meets once in three years.

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. COLONIAL AND CONTINENTAL REPORT.

We have received the Report of the Colonial and Continental Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, printed in pamphlet form for distribution, and have read it with deep interest. It details the operations of the Committee during the past year. These have been rather less extensive than in some former years, mainly in consequence of the limited funds available for the work under the charge of the Committee. The Committee, however, with the means at command, have sent out to various stations in the colonies eleven ministers, and three teachers. Most of the ministers have been sent to Eastern Australia; and of the teachers, two have been sent to New Zealand.

In the continental department no new appointments have been made. But the Report contains much interesting information with reference to stations supplied in Italy, France, Malta, and Gibraltar, and with reference to the state of religion in these places. In Italy the past was a most eventful year. A great moral and religious