

entertain, regarding the new dogma, the same difficulties as myself. One person of exalted dignity assured me, that the Dominicans of the Minerva have always held the doctrine of St. Thomas, and even engaged me to see them. But in Rome none has any liberty to think, nor liberty to speak, nor liberty to write according to the purity of the gospel and the spirit of the fathers; in Rome there is the Inquisition to strangle the truth. Father Perrone and Father Passaglia have liberty to write everything; but true and sincere men—nothing.

In fact, attach yourselves as the holy fathers to the study and knowledge of Scripture and tradition; appeal with them to antiquity against novelty; plead principles against the universal abuse of laxity; advise yourselves, following the counsel of the Apostle, to hold fast that which you have received from the beginning; you have the leprosy of individual opinion; you are charged with the heresy of private judgment, you are a Protestant. If you wish to be Catholic, abjure your reason and your conscience, leave there your holy fathers; cast aside the Word of God, make yourselves blind, and devote your whole life to the danger of being led by others as blind as yourselves.

"It is, then, because God has given me to see the falsehood of this prudence of our days, and the wisdom of the holy fathers, that I have begun to lift up my voice, as soon as I perceived that they assailed the ancient doctrines, and were disposed to introduce new ones. That which I commenced long since, and which I have hitherto pursued, I still continue to do in the present work. May it contribute to encourage the strong, to support the weak, and to open the eyes of a great many to the extremity to which religion is reduced."

Presbytery of Stirling.

INDICATION OF THE REV. MR. THOMSON TO THE NORTH CHURCH.

The usual meeting of this Presbytery took place in the Council Chamber on Tuesday forenoon—the Rev. Mr. Finlay, Moderator. The minutes of the former meeting were read and approved of, when a deputation from the Town Council, consisting of—Provost Sawers, Bailie, Morison, and T. L. Galbraith, Esq., Depute Town-Clerk, laid on the table a presentation from the Town Council of Stirling to the Rev. John Allister Thomson, minister of Pennicuik, to be minister of the North Church, and the third ministerial charge in Stirling. There were also laid on the table by the clerk, Mr. Thomson's letter of acceptance, and certificate from Sheriff Arkley, of his having duly qualified to government. The Rev. Mr. MacLaren of Larbert moved that the presentation be sustained, which was seconded by the Rev. Mr. Paisley of St. Ninians, and unanimously agreed to. Of Mr. Galbraith took instruments in the Clerk's hands, and craved extracts, which were granted. The Moderator then informed the deputation that the presentation and accompanying documents had been duly sustained, and that no objection would be taken on them at the earliest possible moment. The deputation then withdrew. The Presbytery then decided that the rev. presentee should preach in the

North Church on Sabbath the 9th, and Monday the 10th September, and that the Rev. Messrs. Stuart, Finlay, and Paisley, be appointed a committee—Mr. Finlay, convenor—to attend on the latter occasion, and receive from Mr. Thomson the manuscript of his sermons. It was also agreed that the Presbytery should meet again on the 21st of September, to moderate in a call to the Rev. Mr. Thomson—the Rev. Mr. Stark of Gargunnoch to preach and preside on that occasion. Mr. Finlay to preach on Sabbath the 2d September in the North Church, and give intimation of these appointments.

Presbytery of Dundee.

The Presbytery met in the parish of Monifieth on Thursday, and Moderated in a call in favour of the Rev. James G. Young of Entry, the presentee to that church and parish. The Rev. James Ranken, of Kinnaird, preached and presided on the occasion. After an eloquent and appropriate sermon by Mr. Ranken, the call was produced and signed by all the heritors, members and male communicants present.

DREGHORN—ORDINATION—The Presbytery of Irvine met here on Thursday last for the ordination of Mr. Milroy, as assistant and successor to the Rev. J. C. Jameson. The Rev. Robert Lockhart, of Kilmours, presided; after sermon, from Luke xi. 28, the usual questions were put to, and satisfactorily answered by, Mr. Milroy; he was then by prayers and the imposition of the hands of the Presbytery ordained to the office of the holy ministry. Admirable addresses were then delivered to the young minister and the congregation by the Moderator. The church was filled, and Mr. Milroy received a most cordial welcome at the close of the services.

The Rev. Dr. Cumming of London, and the Rev. Dr. McCulloch of Greenock, preached on Sabbath last in Kilmoun Church. As might be expected, the Church was, on the occasion, even more crowded than usual.—*Glasgow Courier.*

Notice.

It is particularly requested that Clergymen in this and the adjoining Provinces, will furnish the names of such gentlemen as may be willing to act as AGENTS for the "Monthly Record," in their respective districts, by the first day of December next, to be enclosed—directed to "The Committee of the Monthly Record, Church of Scotland, Halifax." To which direction the Agents will have the goodness to forward the subscriptions received by them, at their earliest convenience.

News of the Month.

THE great event of the past month is the fall of Sebastopol. At daybreak, on the 5th September, a more terrible bombardment than any that had preceded it, was opened. The firing was kept up until the 8th, causing explosions and conflagrations in various parts of the city. At noon on

Saturday the 8th, the assault was ordered, and the French with their usual impetuosity rushed against the little Redan and the Malakoff, and the British against the Grand Redan. Our army succeeded in getting possession of their point, but it was so completely swept by the fire of the other batteries that they were obliged to retire from it. The French also were driven back from the little Redan, but their attack on the Malakoff after a desperate hand-to-hand conflict, and after six repulses according to the Russian account, was successful. The Malakoff is the key of the whole position, and when this was lost Prince Gortschakoff resolved on crossing the harbor and seeking the shelter of the Northern forts. On the Southern side most of the batteries were still in his possession and the town itself which might be said to be one great battery, but the Malakoff being lost further resistance was hopeless. The remains of the army crossed the harbour, which is said to be 700 or 800 yards in width, on a bridge of boats which had been erected in anticipation of this defeat. In the meantime the mines were sprung and efforts made to reduce the City to ruins. All night long the sky was lit up with the conflagration, and on the morning of the 9th, Sebastopol, was as far as the Russians could make it a heap of rubbish. The bridge also was destroyed, and the last remnants of the Black Sea fleet were burnt or sunk.

When the Steamer left, in England the general belief was that the Russians were in no condition to defend the Northern forts, but that they would speedily retreat towards Perekop.

This glorious victory has cost the British about 2000 killed and wounded. The French loss which is much severer is variously estimated from 6000 to 12000. Among the British Officers who fell were two Nova Scotians, Major Welsford and Captain Parker. We are happy to state that a subscription has been started in Halifax for the purpose of erecting a monument to their memory. The news of the victory was received in Halifax with acclamation of joy, with ringing of bells and salutes from the Citadel and the Flag Ship. On the following evening at the request of the corporation the city was illuminated.

Most interesting meetings of the Evangelical Alliance and of the Young Men's Christian Association have recently been held in Paris, and been attended by a large concourse of strangers gathered together to be present at the Exhibition. The Queen has returned from France and retired to her Highland home. Her Majesty and the Prince attended divine service on Sunday the 9th, in the Parish Church of Craithie. There was a very numerous congregation of the residents in the District, and a great many ministers from Ballater and Braemar were present. The Rev. Professor Lee, of Edinburgh, performed the service and preached an excellent sermon from Acts xvii. 30. 1. The atmosphere of Italy dark and lowering. In the dominion of the Pope, in Naples and in Tuscan troubles are brewing. Our brave ally the King of Sardinia may yet be at the head of regenerated Italy.

Mr Hincks, late of the Canadian Government has been appointed Governor of Barbadoes. An American Company are preparing to start another line of Steamers between Liverpool and the United States, which are expected to make the passage in 8 days.

Archibald Scott, Esq. has been elected Mayor of the City of Halifax.