

ST. EUSTACHE.—The Rev. W. Scott gratefully acknowledges the receipt of £93 3s. 9d from Christian friends in different places in the Lower Province, particularly in Montreal, for the erection of a Presbyterian church in Grande Pénitence; also the sum of £6 2s. 6d. from friends in Bytown for the same object, making in all £99 6s. 3d.

TOKENS OF ESTEEM.

DUNDAS.—The members of the Congregation in Dundas, presented their Pastor, the Rev. M. Y. Stark, with a sum of money as a New Year's Gift, amounting nearly to £75. Such a handsome gift shows the esteem in which Mr. Stark is held by the congregation, of which he has been now for a good many years the pastor. We rejoice to hear of the growing prosperity and zeal of the congregation of Dundas.

ST. SYLVESTER, E. C.—We have received a communication from the Trustees of the Presbyterian congregation at St. Sylvester, expressive of their gratitude to the Rev. R. C. Swinton, of Richmond, for his self-denying labours in supplying them from time to time with the means of grace. Mr. Swinton lately proceeded to St. Sylvester, to dispense the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. Besides the solemn services of the Sabbath, there was public worship on Thursday, Saturday, and Monday, on all which occasions the Gospel was impressively and faithfully preached. We earnestly trust that his flock will soon be provided with a pastor. We feel assured their Presbytery will do every thing for them there it may be in their power to do. May they be in the mean time under the special charge of the Great Shepherd.

NORTH CAVAN.—The Rev. Mr. Blain, who was lately ordained Pastor of the Congregation of North Cavan, was lately presented by the members of his Bible Class with a handsome cutter and buffalo robes, as a token of their affectionate esteem. It cannot but be encouraging to the young Pastor to receive this pledge of attachment and regard from such an interesting portion of his flock.

KEMPVILLE.—The members and adherents of the congregation under the pastoral charge of the Rev. W. J. McDowell, lately presented their pastor with a substantial and seasonable testimony of their esteem and affection. The gift was accompanied with an address, expressive of their sympathy and attachment, and of their appreciation of his ministerial services.

NASSAQUAWYA.—The Rev. A. J. Macauley lately received a handsome gift from the people of his charge, as a token of their attachment and esteem. This congregation, which was long destitute of a Pastor, is becoming consolidated and prosperous. We trust its prosperity will still increase.

ARRIVAL OF A MISSIONARY.—We are happy to announce the arrival of the Rev. Mr. Bowie, who has been sent out by the Colonial Committee of the Free Church.

CALLS, &c.

SECOND CONGREGATION HAMILTON.—The members and adherents of the Second Congregation of Hamilton, have given a call to the Rev. D. Inglis, Montreal.

BERLIN AND WOOLWICH.—The Rev. H. McMeekin has received a call from the congregation of Berlin and Woolwich.

KNOX'S CHURCH, HAMILTON.

The Annual Sale of the Ladies' Association of Knox's Church, Hamilton, was held on the 20th of December last. The proceeds amounted to £210 11s. 3d.

During the evening the room was crowded, and a few friends desirous of giving their minister a new year's present, collected among themselves the handsome sum of *fifty-two pounds*, which was presented to Mr. Irvine before the meeting dispersed.

It is a satisfactory proof of the healthy state of our cause in Hamilton, that, while a second congregation has been organized in the city, and is in a thriving and prosperous condition, Knox's church is even better filled at each diet of worship than it was prior to the new organization. Moreover, about eighty new members were added to the Communicant Roll at the last dispensation of the Lord's Supper in Knox's church.

On the 24th December, six deacons were solemnly set apart for that office, after a clear and earnest discourse from the pastor, on the scriptural character and duties of the office of deacon, from Acts vi. Recently five additional elders were ordained. On both occasions the scriptural character of the Presbyterian polity was ably set forth to crowded audiences.

With a full staff of officer-bearers, and an earnest ministry, we look with hope for a continuance of that external prosperity, and those marks of spiritual growth which have hitherto been bestowed upon this congregation.—*Com.*

NOTICES OF RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

NORTH BRITISH REVIEW for November. New York: Leonard, Scott, & Co.

We should have noticed this Review in our last number. It is so excellent, and the various articles it contains are so able, that we feel it to be a duty even yet to direct the attention of our readers to it. It contains eight articles under the following titles:—1. The Wonders of the Shore. 2. Popular Education in Scotland. 3. Milman's History of Latin Christianity. 4. The Insoluble Problem. 5. Kaye's Life of Lord Metcalfe. 6. Sir H. Holland on Mental Physiology, &c. 7. Cowper. 8. Progress and prospects of the War. Some of these articles, including the first, are very able, and written in an interesting and fascinating style, while they all indicate a high order of talent. The fourth article is an able review of the Philosophy of the Infinite, with special reference to the theories of Sir W. Hamilton and M. Cousin, by Henry Calderwood. It abounds in profound thought and able reasoning.

The seventh is an interesting and excellent

article on Cowper, the most generally popular of English poets.

This number is on the whole an admirable one, and is well worthy of the notice of all who relish sound and improving mental food.

HISTORY OF THE COUNCIL OF TRENT. From the French of L. F. Bungeuer. Edinburgh: T. Constable & Co.

This History of the Council of Trent we cannot but regard as a valuable addition to the Ecclesiastical Literature of the day. The histories of this Council, previously written, are now not much read, or known, and hence a history written with judgment, and at the same time with liveliness and spirit, is all the more valuable. The time has come when the Popish controversy should be thoroughly studied. And the work before us deserves the careful perusal of all who wish to make themselves acquainted with the subject.

THE MORE PRIESTS THE MORE CRIME: OR, THE CHALLENGE DEFEATED; being a series of Letters by a Protestant, in reply to the Challenge of "The Catholic Citizen," and "Montreal True Witness." Toronto. sold by the various Booksellers.

These Letters were published, some time ago in the columns of the *Christian Guardian*, and attracted considerable attention at the time. They are now re-published in a collected form. The writer is evidently quite at home in the Romish controversy, and handles his opponents without much mercy. Referring to a number of competent authorities, he fully establishes his point, and shows the tendency of Romanism to produce immorality and crime. These Letters, we doubt not, will have an extensive circulation throughout the country, and do good service in the cause of truth.

THE CONVENT AND THE MANSE.

ROBERT HARROLD: OR, THE YOUNG MAROONERS ON THE FLORIDA COAST.

SUMMER GLEANINGS: OR SKETCHES OF A PASTOR'S VACATION. London and Glasgow: W. Collins. Sold by D. McLellan, Hamilton.

The books before us, are written for the purpose of interesting and improving the minds of youth, and imparting information in a pleasing and attractive form. They are well fitted to accomplish this important end, and will repay a perusal by our young readers.

THE TRAVELS OF TRUE GODLINESS. By B. Keach. Aberdeen: Messrs. King. Sold by C. Fletcher, Toronto.

The author of this little work lived in the days of Bunyan, and, perhaps, followed his example in adopting allegory as a vehicle for conveying the truth to the understandings and hearts of his fellow-men. Keach's allegorical writing does not at all compare with that of Bunyan, but still it is interesting, and fitted to be useful to readers generally.

ITEMS OF RELIGIOUS AND GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

REV. MR. FRASER OF KIRKILL.—This esteemed minister has been requested by the Colonial Committee of the Free Church, to proceed to the Crimea, for the purpose of ministering