

civil law, set apart to sacred office, men prohibited by the Church from entering into that office,—an office from which those conferring it are themselves suspended.”

Let no one say that ministers of an Established Church are, or can be, irresponsible, even in things sacred, to the civil authorities which grant them their civil Establishment.

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Reviews of Books.

THE CANADA EDUCATIONAL DIRECTORY AND CALENDAR FOR 1857-8.

Edited by THOMAS HODGINS, B.A., *University College, Toronto*. 8vo., pp. 121. Maclear & Co., Toronto, 1857.

This *brochure* is fully stored with statistical information, which so far as we have observed is correct, respecting the Educational Institutions of both Upper and Lower Canada. To the multitude of persons wanting information of that kind we cordially recommend the publication. One cannot glance at its pages without being struck with the profusion of schools, of one sort or another, and the vast number of teachers. Assuming the generality of these teachers to be moderately competent and diligent, the progress of education in the country ought to be great; and we believe it is considerable. Next to religion and morality, with which it is closely allied, nothing is more conducive to the real welfare of the community. The Editor of the Directory has our best thanks, and we hope he will be encouraged to continue the publication yearly. From the principle on which it is constructed an annual edition will be needed, especially considering the nascent and changing condition of our Provincial Institutions.

DEMONOLOGY; or the Scripture Doctrine of Devils. BY THE REV. JOSEPH YOUNG. 12mo., pp. 460. Edinburgh: Thomas Grant, 1856.

The author of this volume was, for a good number of years, minister of the United Presbyterian Church in Haddington, Scotland, his congregation being that of which the celebrated JOHN BROWN was first Pastor. Mr. Young uniformly maintained a most excellent character, and displayed great ability as a minister. A short time ago he resigned his charge and has come to this side of the Atlantic. We cordially wish for him all prosperity and comfort in his new home.

His work relates to an exceedingly mysterious subject—one regarding which it is not to be expected that we should possess very clear and definite ideas. It is certain, however, that Scripture does make numerous and forcible statements, and gives us many warnings, exhortations and promises, respecting it. It is obvious also, and indeed is frequently remarked, that this topic occupies a much less prominent place in religious teaching now, than it did in the days of our fathers; and there is truth in Mr. Young's allegation that great numbers deny the existence, or certainly the agency, of evil spirits in the affairs of men, or that at all events they practically ignore the doctrine by explaining away, explaining into almost nothing, those portions of the Word of God in which it is set forth. All real