

**SPECIAL NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS IN ARREARS.**—We specially request all who are in arrears for the *Record*, and the number of such is considerable, to remit as soon as possible. Where there is no agent, let the parties send the amount due, directly to the Office, by mail, and where there is an agent, let them pay it to him.

While the increase of subscribers is very considerable, the amount received is not such as it ought to be, did all pay punctually. Where there are agents, we shall feel obliged by their collecting and remitting, without delay.

The remaining numbers of this volume will be sent to new subscribers, for 1s. 10½d.

**MONTREAL—COTE STREET.**—The members of the Rev. D. Fraser's Bible Class recently presented him with a number of valuable Literary and Theological Works, in token of their attachment, and as a suitable expression of their appreciation of his efforts to guide them in the study of the word of God.

**BRAMPTON.**—A number of the members and adherents lately presented the Rev. T. Holmes with a valuable gift, as a token of their esteem for his labours amongst them.

**LACHUTE.**—We have much satisfaction in mentioning another instance of kindness and good-feeling on the part of the congregation at Lachute, who have recently presented their pastor, the Rev. Thomas Henry, with a horse, in token of their unabated attachment and esteem. Such proofs of lively interest in a minister's comfort and wellfare, cannot fail to stimulate and encourage him in the discharge of his arduous duties.—*Com.*

**BOOK OF DISCIPLINE.**—Our readers will find the remaining portion of the draft of the "Book of Discipline," in the present number. It was our intention to issue a supplement this month. Various circumstances have prevented this. But in order that this draft might be seen and examined by all the members of Synod, and by our office-bearers and members generally, we have considered it best to insert it in the *Record*.

We would remind Presbyteries, that they are required by the Synod to report on this draft, as also with reference to the examination of Students. See Minutes of Synod, pp. 9 and 10.

**TORONTO SECOND CONGREGATION.**—We regret to state that this congregation has been again disappointed in seeking to obtain a minister, the call to the Rev. Mr. Knox of Belfast, having been declined by that minister.

**BUXTON.**—The Rev. W. King hereby acknowledges the receipt of a Sabbath School Library, for the Mission School at Buxton, purchased by Mrs. Willis, with money received from friends in Scotland.

**MISSIONARIES FROM SCOTLAND AND IRELAND.**—We have had letters lately, both from Scotland and Ireland, by which we learn that several missionaries may soon be expected, to labour in the Canadian field. One, the Rev. Mr. Jamieson, from Ireland, has already arrived.

## ITEMS OF RELIGIOUS AND GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

**THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND THE WESLEYANS.**—A movement has been begun in England having for its object, the "promoting of union with the Church of England on the part of those not at present in active communion with her". Attention is specially directed to Wesleyans. The scheme is repudiated by the organs of the Wesleyan Church.

**REV. T. McLAUCHLAN.**—This respected and excellent minister has received a numerously signed call from Tain, vacant since the translation of Rev. Dr. McIntosh.

**MR. LAYARD.**—Mr. Layard, M. P., having been re-elected as Lord Rector of Marischal College, Aberdeen, lately visited that city for the purpose of being formally installed as Rector. He was entertained by the students at a public breakfast. On the occasion of his installation, he delivered an address chiefly on the subject of the proposed union between King's and Marischal Colleges.

**FREE AND UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES.**—A secondly friendly meeting of the ministers of these two churches, connected with the Presbyteries of Edinburgh, was lately held. The Rev. Dr. H. Grey occupied the chair, and a large number of the ministers of both bodies attended.—Letters were read from the Rev. Drs. Brown Candlish, Cunningham, Guthrie and Tweedie, regretting inability to be present, but approving of the object of the meeting. Various topics such as the advancement of Popery, the Sabbath question, &c., occupied the attention of the meeting. But the chief subject that was discussed was the practicability and the importance of respecting each others discipline.

**EDUCATION IN SCOTLAND.**—Various measures are to be submitted to the Imperial Parliament on this subject. Lord Kinnaird has a Bill on the subject, and it is understood that the Lord Advocate's Bill will be again introduced.

**REV. MR. MARSHALL.**—The Rev. Mr. Marshall of Leith, has received a call from the Second Congregation, Kirkintilloch.

## NOTICES OF PUBLICATIONS.

**THE NORTH BRITISH REVIEW**, for February, 1856.

The February number of this able and excellent *Review* contains nine articles: 1st. France and Scotland; 2nd. Dr. George Wilson on Colour-Blindness; 3rd. Scotch Schools for the Middle Classes; 4th. Bunsen's Signs of the Times; 5th. Mettray and Red-Hill; 6th. Ben Johnson; 7th. Recent Sermons—Scotch, English, and Irish; 8th. Hotels; 9th. Italian Character and Italian Prospects. Many of these are articles of great ability and interest. The second on the list is an able review of a work lately published by Dr. George Wilson, of Edinburgh, Professor of Technology in the University there, and brother of Dr. Daniel Wilson of University College, Toronto. The subject of the work is Colour Blindness, or that peculiarity of vision under which some persons labor, whereby they are rendered insensible to certain colours. Dr.

Wilson has for some time been directing his attention to the subject, and has lately published the result of his researches. With that practical tendency, which distinguishes Dr. Wilson, he considers the subject in its relation to Railway and Ship signals, and points out the importance of a new and better adjustment of these signals.

The article on Scottish Schools for the Middle Classes, and that on Bunsen's Signs of the Times, are both marked with great ability. The article on Reformatory Schools (Mettray and Red-hill) we have read with deep interest. Such institutions are scarcely known in our land; but it is high time that the subject was earnestly taken up. In our large towns and cities many juvenile delinquents, sent from time to time to jail, are, no doubt, in process of being trained as most consummate criminals, who might, had we such reformatory institutions as those which are now in operation in Europe, be rescued from vice and infamy, and trained up to be respectable and useful members of society. Our jails at present are, in general, nothing better than schools of vice. The experiment of dealing with such a class has been tried with success not only in the institutions mentioned at the head of the article to which we are referring, but in others of the same character, as, for instance, in Sheriff Watson's School, in Aberdeen. In the seventh article we have a review of Dr. Guthrie's "Gospel in Ezekiel"; Sermons and Essays by the Rev. A. P. Stanley, the biographer of Arnold, and Sermons, Doctrinal and Practical, by the Rev. W. A. Butler, late Professor of Moral Philosophy in the University of Dublin. The reviewer does justice to Dr. Guthrie's eloquent discourses. He says: "These discourses are equally adapted to the highest and the lowest—the ripest scholar and the rudest clown. Their author has looked on the natural world with the eye of a Poet—on human life with the eye of a Philanthropist; and the two great open fountains whence his imagery, as a pulpit orator is drawn, are that broad face view of nature, our oldest and newest friend, and this our daily familiar life: some striking aspects of the one, some pathetic incident of the other." The reviewer also speaks in high terms of the sermons of Mr. Stanley and of Dr. Butler.

**THE CHRISTIAN'S GREAT INTEREST.** By the Rev. William Guthrie, late Minister of the Gospel at Fenwick. With an Introductory Essay by Thos. Chalmers, D.D. New York: R. Carter & Brothers. Sold by D. McLehlan, Hamilton.

The author of this treatise was in his day, one of the most devoted and honoured ministers of the Church of Scotland. Many interesting anecdotes are still preserved in connexion with his ministry at Fenwick. This work, in connexion with which his name is best known, has been highly admired by all who have had an opportunity of being acquainted with it. Dr. Owen said of it, "It is my *vade mecum*. I have wrote several folios, but there is more divinity in it than in them all." It is divided into two parts, "The trial of a saving interest in Christ," and "How to attain to a saving interest in Christ." It exhibits an intimate acquaintance with the human