

opposition of a few narrow-minded members and ministers of the Established Church of Scotland. Why is it that the Synods of the North American Provinces have not entered into fraternal correspondence with one another?

DOMESTIC MISSIONS, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, O. S.—The objects of this Board are, the report for 1858 informs us, first to supply vacant churches and assist weak congregations in support of pastors; and second, to extend the boundaries of the Church by employing ministers to preach the Gospel, organize new congregations, and form churches in the hitherto neglected and waste places of the country. The General Assembly has declared that the cause of Domestic Missions is second to no other in magnitude and importance. From the very beginning of the Church in America down to the present time this mission has been prosecuted with vigor. The increase and expansion of the Church since its re-organization in 1838 has been mainly effected through the instrumentality of this Board. Since that time the Church has increased by 14 Synods, 60 Presbyteries, 796 ministers, 1,578 churches, and 118,242 members. The number of missionaries is 610; and the total receipts \$105,277.

LITERARY.

Messrs. Gould & Lincoln announce the publication of a new work by the late Hugh Miller, entitled "The Cruise of the Betsy, or a Summer Ramble among the Fossiliferous Deposits of the Hebrides; with Rambles of a Geologist, or Ten Thousand Miles over the Fossiliferous Deposits of Scotland,"—which we hope soon to notice at length.

The same publishers announce the preparation of a Memoir of Hugh Miller, by Peter Bayne, Esq., from writings and correspondence in possession of the family.

Messrs. T. & T. Clark of Edinburgh have just issued a translation of Christoffel's Life of Zwingle, the fullest and best life extant of this great Reformer; also a translation of a number of evangelical meditations of the well-known Vinet of Lusanne, by Professor Ed. Masson.

The Messrs. Nisbet & Co. have just published a memoir of the Rev. R. Nesbit, Missionary of the Free Church of Scotland in Bombay, by the Rev. J. M. Mitchell, A.M., a brother Missionary. Mr. Nesbit's life was one of singular devotedness to his work, and christian simplicity of aim. Besides selected extracts from his journal illustrative of his character, Mr. Murray Mitchell has given himself, in one chapter, a retrospective view of missions in Western India, which is ably written from a catholic point of view, and which is doubly valuable from its being the first sketch that has appeared of these missions, at least since the publication of the *Life of Mrs. Wilson of Bombay*.

The Rev. Dr. Tyng, of New York, has just published a father's memorial of his son, entitled "The Child of Prayer." It embraces all the particulars of the distressing event by which the life of a useful young minister was cut short, together with the remarkable expressions of public sympathy which his death called forth. Dr. Tyng, the bereaved and heart-stricken father, has most tenderly, piously, and affectionately commemorated the excellencies of his son, and thousands, we doubt not, will eagerly inquire for this memorial.

The Philadelphia Presbyterian says of "The Encyclopædia of Religious Knowledge," published by Lippincott & Co., of Philadelphia:—"This massive and compact volume embraces a vast fund of information on religious topics, brought down to the present date. The reader may form some general idea of the ground occupied, when we state that notices, more or less full, are given of all the religious denominations; the manners and customs of the East, with descriptions of the natural history of the Bible; the principal events of ecclesiastical history; biographies of the martyrs and of distinguished religious writers; a missionary gazetteer, with notices of the various missionary stations; comprising a very full book of reference on all religious subjects. The compilers have made free use of all preceding works on the subjects treated, and the articles on religious denominations have been contributed by distinguished men belonging respectively to those denominations. We do not pretend to give a definite opinion of all the matter embraced in nearly one thousand three hundred closely printed imperial octavo pages of double columns; there may be errors of fact and opinion, and it would be strange if there were not in so large a space; but we have no doubt all due caution has been used, and we are very sure, that as a general work of reference, it is valuable and worth its price. The style in which the book has been prepared for the public is very creditable, and evidently no necessary expense has been spared."