

Purchase of Livings in the Church of Scotland.

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes Universities, Parishioners, Private Patrons, and Quoad Sacra churches.

The foregoing letters appears in the Manchester Examiner. It is very circumstantial in its statements, some of which are very surprising:-

I find that all Englishmen, and even some Scotchmen, are of opinion that the sale of livings in the Scotch Church is impossible. Englishmen are to be excused, for the average Englishman knows nothing whatever of ecclesiastical affairs in Scotland, and is rather proud than otherwise of his ignorance...

It will be seen that there are no saleable livings out of a total of 1109, and Lord Advocate Gordon, in the Government bill which he is pledged to bring forward for the abolition of patronage, will have to consider how to purchase those, and how to raise the purchase money.

It would be interesting to enquire a little into the endowments and income of the Church, but a respect for space forbids me. One feature, however, is worth notice. Several towns—Perth, Dundee, Stirling, Aberdeen, Glasgow, and Edinburgh—contribute largely out of the Corporation funds for the support of the Church.

which is simply tolerated; it is mild and weak and non-aggressive, and the attitude of many Scotchmen towards it is that expressed by Mr. Merry, late member for the Falkirk Burghs, who told his constituents that "he would vote for the disestablishment of the Church of England with pleasure, without prejudice to the Scotch Establishment."

Cooks and Cookery.

The London National Training School of Cookery has just held its first anniversary in the British Metropolis, when the Duke of Manchester presided. The Standard of May 23 thus speaks of it:-

"It is an easy matter to ridicule the efforts of the gentlemen who have given time and money to found a Central School of Cookery; a more promising subject for gibes or jest a willing need hardly wish to try his 'prentice hand upon. Perhaps it is not quite so easy to speak of it without a smile, for the matter certainly has a ludicrous side, and suggests plenty of comical associations. But as a practical question it is by no means devoid of grave and real importance; and its gravity is felt by the great majority among us at least once a day through the whole course of our lives.

daughter of a peasant or artisan, she is yet more helpless. She can fry good meat to the consistency of leather; she can manage to brown a slice of bacon; for the rest she has no idea but of tea for herself, beer for her husband, and white bread and butter for both; nothing like real cookery ever enters her head.

Extracts of the Report of the St. Anne Kankakee Mission.

The extraordinary origin of the mission imparts an interest to it that attracted the attention of the Christian world to the Rev. C. Chiniquy, and his great work among the French Canadian settler in the State of Illinois.

To see a white community throwing off the fetters of Rome, and claiming it as their right to read God's word and approach His throne, without the mediation of a Priest or Saint, was a grand sight, such as might make angels shout with joy; and the subsequent history of the mission, for years, was deeply interesting to us, as it displays the strong faith and noble courage of the converts amidst all the attempts of Rome to regain their power over them, and bring them back to their former bondage.

St. Anne has a population of between 4 and 500 families and a thickly peopled country all around. The inhabitants are chiefly French Canadians; when they settled there, they were Roman Catholics, but a great majority of them are now Protestants.

It will be remembered that the old Church and school were burned down a few years ago; but Mr. Chiniquy has succeeded in erecting another building a part of which is used as the Church and another part as the school house.

The last three years twenty four converts from Rome have been added to the Church. We saw two men, with their wives, renounce the errors of Rome, when we were there, they made their public declaration before us; they looked intelligent and devout. We also saw a young lady, who had been sent to a nunnery in Chicago, that she might become a nun, but she was now waiting upon the ministrations of Mr. Chiniquy.

We spent one whole day and part of two other days in examining the school connected with the mission. There are three teachers employed. The Rev. Mr. Lafontaine teaches the more advanced classes in French, Latin, Greek and Mathematics. An assistant teacher takes the English; and an assistant female Teacher the junior divisions in both languages. This last teacher has received all her education in this school, and it is gratifying to see her filling that position so well.

Hear are the financial affairs of the mission.

Table with 2 columns: Receipts and Amount. Includes From Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, New York and Philadelphia, Ireland, Scotland, New Zealand, and St. Anne.

Table with 2 columns: Expenses and Amount. Includes Debt on the brick Church, New Building, Insurance, Law expenses, Salaries for additional teachers, Printing of tracts, Current expenses, books &c., and Sundry other expenses.

Your committee would draw attention to the large contributions raised by the congregation of St. Anne, and would express hope that hereafter they will be more able than ever to do more for the support of ordinances among themselves.

Your committee has learned with great pleasure, that through the labours of Mr. Chiniquy and the Christian liberality of friends in Britain, the debts have all been paid.

Your committee, after carefully considering all matters connected with this mission, are unanimously of opinion that the time has come, when the congregation of St. Anne could bear to have Mr. Chiniquy removed from them, and while another could discharge the duties of the Pastorate, Mr. Chiniquy could be far more usefully employed in superintending our French evangelisation work in Canada.

There is not perhaps another man on this continent, who is so peculiarly adapted for this work. It gives the committee pleasure to be able to state that he has expressed his readiness to obey the call of the Church, and that the session and congregation, on having these views presented to them, voted that they would place no obstacles in the way of his removal.

Could some such arrangement as this be carried out, Mr. Chiniquy might, then, be able to devote some time to writing his work on Rome, part of which he has already published and which has been so well received by the Christian public, and also he could occasionally visit other parts where his services might be needed.

The visit of Mr. Chiniquy to the Maritime provinces, last summer is a matter of history; the assault made upon him by the Roman Catholics, encouraged by some of their leading men of the place, must endear him to the Church and point him out as a powerful enemy of Rome. And his still more recent visit to Britain, shows that he can be far more usefully employed than ministering to the congregation of St. Anne. Testimonials have been received from many leading men in England and Scotland as to the good work he has done there, and most urgent letters have been received requesting the Church to allow him to spend six or eight months more in Great Britain, and lecture on the errors of Rome. All of which is respectfully submitted.

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Silence of the Forest.

We often read, in books of travel, of the silence and gloom of the Brazilian forests. They are realities, and the impression deepens on a longer acquaintance. The few sounds of birds are of that pensive or mysterious character which intensifies the feeling of solitude rather than imparts a sense of life and cheerfulness. Sometimes, in the midst of the stillness, a sudden yell, or scream will startle one; this comes from some defenceless fruit-eating animal, which is pounced upon by a tiger cat or stealthy boa constrictor. Morning and evening the howling monkeys make a most fearful and harrowing noise, under which it is difficult to keep one's buoyancy of spirit.

There was a little girl in the cars whose sweet smiling ways won all our hearts. Every body had a kind word for every body in return. We quite forgot the heat, the dust, the noise, and the cinders of the way, following her both with our eyes and heart, wishing for all the world we had a bit of a darling just like her.