

ment of the realm. Candour calls for the admission that various appeals for "the sharp punishment of idolators" would scarcely pass the ordeal of our more enlarged views of toleration and charity. The Assembly was followed up by the exhibition in the course of a few weeks of the heads of order and discipline in the church, a document full of valuable proposals as regards religion, education, and the poor; but whose very superior purity and strictness rendered it distasteful to a secularized generation more intent on the spoils of the Popish church than on the "godly upbuilding" of the house of God.

It is a great and grave question, what blessings do we owe to that reformation in Scotland, of which we have now given this slight sketch? Do we say, it was perfect? By no means; but we do say of it, that the blessing of God evidently rested on it, and that to this source we owe such benefits as these:—Civil and religious liberty as contrasted with the reign of despotism both religious and political; on open bible, and the free proclamation of the gospel and celebration of religious ordinances; education in all its branches, elementary, literary, and religious; the revival and the preaching of evangelical doctrine in scriptural purity and power; the elevation of the system of morals above the blighting and degrading influences of Jesuitical casuistry; and last, though not least, private, domestic, and social virtue to a degree, and in an extent, of range unknown in the days of Popish rule. Our paramount duty is, to prize the attainments we have made, and to seek for more, to cherish a "heart-hatred to Popery, just as we do to her twin sister, South American Slavery; and to let our "light so shine" as becomes the purity of our professed faith. Our divine Head may give us yet to drink of the wine of astonishment;" but let us not be surprised nor discouraged, seeing he hath also "given us a banner because of the truth."

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## LOCATING OF PREACHERS.

*To the Editor of the Canadian U. P. Magazine.*

SIR,—I agree with you in thinking that the *Magazine* is fitted to be specially useful for a few months to come, with reference to arrangements for the United Church which is to be organized in June next. Permit me, at present, to call the attention of your readers to a point which, though not of the highest importance, seems deserving of consideration. I refer to the fixing of individual Probationers for a time in some one congregation.

That this plan is useful and commendable, in many cases, I entertain no doubt; but it ought to be carried out on wise and equitable principles. First of all, a location should be effected only by proper authority. Whether the matter should be entrusted to a Presbytery I do not enquire; but I hold decidedly that it ought not to be committed to a Presbytery Clerk. That is just vesting in him a piece of patronage, and enabling him to give a friend a comfortable situa-