

**COUNTRY LIVING AND COUNTRY THINKING.** By Gail Hamilton. Dawson Brothers, Montreal.

The writer of this book commences by detailing the peculiarities of men and women in general, mediately discusses subjects too numerous to mention, and ends by pointing out the lights among the shadows of the American civil war. Abounding with sentences as pithy as the following,—"If a northern blacksmith refuses to put on southern horses the shoes which southern money has paid for, and rushes to his mother state for help, let her not shield

the culprit, but set him *vi et armis* before his forge and anvil. If a clergyman stealthily and feloniously leave his parish before his time is out, bearing with him both salary and sermons, carry him back to old Virginia, and make him preach his barrelful. Law and equity alike demand it, and all educated people will say Amen,"—the book cannot fail to attract, and we hope the reader's interest will not be lessened either from prejudice or any other cause, when we state that of a sudden and by the merest chance, we discovered that the story teller belonged to the gentler sex.

## The Church in Canada.

### PRESBYTERY OF BATHURST.

The Presbytery of Bathurst met at Ross on the 17th instant, for the purpose of receiving the trials for ordination, prescribed to Mr. Hugh Cameron of Queen's College, Preacher of the Gospel, at a previous meeting. The following members of Presbytery were present. Mr. D. Morrison, Brockville, Moderator *p.t.*; Mr. P. Lindsay, Mr. J. Evans, and Mr. J. B. Mullen.

The discourses were sustained, and the Presbytery adjourned to the following day for the ordination of Mr. Cameron.

A respectable congregation assembled at the hour appointed, and the Edict having been returned duly served, Mr. Mullen preached an appropriate discourse from Luke xix. 10. "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." The Moderator put the questions required by the laws of the Church in such cases, and these having been satisfactorily answered, Mr. Cameron was then solemnly ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry, and inducted to the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Ross and Westmeath. Mr. Lindsay addressed the Minister, and Mr. Evans, the people, in appropriate terms, in reference to their several responsibilities and privileges.

The Presbytery also met at Beckwith on the 15th instant, for the purpose of receiving the trials for ordination previously prescribed to Mr. Walter Ross, A.M., of Queen's College, Preacher of the Gospel, and, if sustained, of ordaining him. There were present, the Moderator, Mr. A. Mann, Mr. J. McMorine, Mr. W. C. Clark, and Mr. W. Bain, Ministers; and Mr. D. McLaurin, Elder.

The trials were sustained, and were very creditable to Mr. Ross. The congregation being assembled, and the Edict returned duly served, Mr. Wilson preached a very appropriate and excellent discourse from Mat. xxii. 11-13. Mr. Mann gave an interesting narrative of the circumstances which led to this settlement, referring, in terms of affectionate remembrance and just eulogy, to his reverend friend, the late Rev. John Smith, the first pastor of the congregation—whose memory is still precious to many in Beckwith.

The questions usual in such cases were then put by the Moderator to Mr. Ross, and these having been satisfactorily answered, Mr. Ross was, by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, solemnly set apart to the office of the Holy Ministry, and inducted to the pastoral charge of the Congregation.

Mr. McMorine, with characteristic affection and appropriateness, addressed the young Minister; and Mr. Clark, in besitting terms, reminded the people of the privileges which, through the goodness of God, they were again in possession of, and of the duties which they owed to their Minister.

We feel that we can congratulate these two Congregations on the Pastors whom the Head of the Church has now set over them, to feed them, and to break unto them and to their families the bread of life. From all we have heard of the previous character and conduct of Messrs. Cameron and Ross, and from all we personally know of them, we believe them to be young men well adapted to, and well furnished for the charges upon which they have now respectively entered, and that they will thoroughly devote themselves to the arduous and responsible duties of the sacred office which they have now assumed.

But with equal cordiality, do we congratulate Messrs. Cameron and Ross upon the Congregations of which they are now the Pastors.

The Congregation of Ross and Westmeath has now obtained its first Pastor. For years has this Congregation made application after application to the Presbytery to aid them in getting a Minister, offering what, in their circumstances, the Presbytery considered a liberal maintenance; but hitherto, equally to the regret of Presbytery and people, without effect. We feel that this Congregation will, when fully gathered in and organized, be found a large one, and that, as the Ottawa Valley fills up, it will become an important one. The Congregation of Ross has built a commodious and comfortable Church. They have themselves hitherto contributed all that has been expended in the building, and with further contributions, about to be made by them, and a small grant expect-