

and seemed to be highly appreciated by the large audience present. The Concert of Sacred Music which followed, was efficiently performed by the choir of the church, aided by Professors Terrill and Macfarlane, and led by Rev. Mr. Watson. We think the choir of this church deserves every praise for providing the public with such entertainments, of so high a character, and hope that this will not be their last, but the beginning of a series. Such concerts will be the means of educating the people to a taste for a higher order of musical entertainments than what they have been in the habit of running after.

Rev. James Nall.—We learn from the *Advance* that after a successful service of seven years at Royal Oak, Mich., Rev. James Nall, formerly of Burford, Ont., has closed his labours with the church there, preaching his farewell sermon on the 30th ult. He leaves the church in a commodious house with a growing congregation and sabbath school. The latter manifested their esteem in a delightful floral offering after his parting talk with them.

A correspondent adds,—It was a very unusual scene. Old and young wept freely during the service, and as a climax to it they completely (almost literally.) buried him in bouquets. Indeed the quantity was so large that it was with difficulty that he piled them into his carriage upon his return.

Ritualism.—The following resolution, adopted *nem con*, (though evidently not *unanimously*, as reported,) by both houses of the Provincial Synod recently held in Montreal, will, it is hoped, put a check upon the ritualistic tendencies that have been manifested in certain High Church quarters in Canada. The debate which preceded it was unusually hot and protracted; so much so, indeed, that it was with great difficulty that order could be maintained. An attempt was made by the Bishops to coerce the Lower House into silence on the subject, or at least into *delay*, till the Royal Commission should complete their report. But the Lower House resented the interference, and spoke out with an independence that is quite refreshing in so conservative a body, as the resolution will show.

“Resolved by this Synod that the elevation of the elements in the celebration of the Holy Communion, the using of incense during Divine service, and the mixing of water with the sacramental wine, are hereby forbidden in the Church of this Province. And whereas the rubric at the end of the Communion office enacts that the bread shall be such as is usually eaten, the use of Wafer bread is hereby forbidden. And this Synod express their disapprobation of the use of lights on the Lord's Table, and of vestments, except the surplice, stole or scarf, and the academic hood, in saying the public prayers and administering the sacraments and other rights of the church; and their determination to prevent, by every lawful means, their introduction into the Church of this Province.

Installation of Rev. E. Ebbs at Ottawa.—On Thursday, 10th September, Rev. Edward Ebbs was publicly installed into the pastorate of the Congregational Church, at Ottawa. At his desire, an Ecclesiastical Council was called for the purpose; the churches invited being those at Montreal, Brockville, Kingston, and Bond Street, Toronto. The pastors of these were present on the occasion, but no delegate was able to attend. The Council met at 11 a.m., and was organized by the choice of Rev. Dr. Wilkes, as Moderator, and Rev. F. H. Marling, as Scribe. A committee of the Ottawa church presented extracts from the proceedings of the church in calling Mr. Ebbs, and his letter accepting the call. There were further presented the result of an Ecclesiastical Council held at Aurora, Illinois, to dismiss Mr. Ebbs from the pastorate of the New England Congregational Church there, and commending him as an able, faithful, and beloved minister of Christ; and a resolution of the said church reluctantly accepting his resignation, and commending his labours as preacher and pastor. Mr. Ebbs made to the Council a brief doctrinal statement, and answered questions put to him on various points; after which it was resolved that the result of the examination was satisfactory, and the Council proceeded to arrange for the public ser-