

Ruskin believes "that the best image which the world can give of Paradise, is in the slope of the meadows, orchards, and corn fields on the sides of a great Alp, with its purple rocks and eternal snow above." The author states fairly from what points the noblest views are to be gained, what are the characteristics of each district, and then along what routes the richest beauty lies. Taking it for granted that travellers are moved to spend their money and time, not primarily to study the gastronomy of Coös county in New Hampshire, or to criticise the comparative upholstery of the largest houses there, he introduces them at once to the richest feasts of loveliness and grandeur that are spread by the summer around the valleys, and refreshes them by a description of the draperies of verdure, shadow, cloud and colour that are hung by the Creator round and above the hills.

CANADIAN BICENTENARY PAPERS. By Rev. W. F. CLARKE and Rev. F. H. MARLING, Toronto. Chewett & Co.

These papers were read at the annual meeting of the Congregational Union of Canada, held in Hamilton in June, 1862, and published at the request of those who heard them. The first paper contains a succinct history of non-conformity in England in the seventeenth century, and points out the debt of gratitude under which Canadian congregationalists are laid to their non-conforming forefathers for the example they had left, for what they had done toward perpetuating a sound theology, and for the work which they had achieved in the direction of civil and religious liberty. The writer of the second paper, in stating

the reason for non-conformity in Canada, rejoices *inter alia* that "a conviction of the inevitable and incurable evils of an Ecclesiastical Establishment was so early and so deeply wrought into the minds of the Canadian people, that though steps were taken at the very beginning of their history, and most persistently followed up, to endow the Anglican Church, and invest it with all the power and prestige of the religion of the colony, these plans were frustrated, and but a few fragments of the overshadowing structure that was to have been, remain scattered over the ground in the shape of Rectories, Commutation Funds, and so forth, to remind them of the destiny which some had promised to the infant state;" and convulsively clinging to his own little sect, and lugubriously predicting the demolition of all those who should attempt to differ from it in opinion, calls upon his brethren to aim at making their non-conformist churches not merely protesters against evil without, but themselves so pure, so large-hearted, so earnest, so devout, that there may be no temptation for a good man to seek a religious home elsewhere.

SYNOD MINUTES AND OTHER PAPERS.

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FRENCH MISSION CHURCH.

As the contractors are rapidly advancing with our French Mission Church, some anxiety is beginning to be felt as to the result of the Committee's Appeal in behalf of the effort. It is two months since collecting sheets were addressed to all the ministers of our church. A circular explaining the schemes was mailed at the same time. It is proposed that, by means of a small committee of young persons, from \$20 to \$30 should be raised in each congregation. Not a very great number of small sums would be required to make up this amount. At the same time some allowance must be made for those who will give nothing, and it

was therefore suggested that something over the average named should if possible be obtained. The plan appears to be simple enough. The demand made on each congregation is little more than nominal. It need not interfere with any other project, but may be attended to at once by even the smallest and weakest congregation. If we do not get some returns during the course of this month we shall certainly feel greatly disappointed. To the minister of Whitby for his prompt attention, and Miss L. Dow for her diligence in collecting, we have reason to be grateful. From this agency we have received the first fruits of the effort, \$25.