

the sermon, was displayed in the charge to the new pastor, and his flock, and the attentive hearing given to it by both parties, warrants the hope, that it will make a lasting impression on their future conduct.

After the service had been concluded the members of the congregation crowded round their new minister, to welcome him to the care of their spiritual concerns: this, though not the most solemn, was certainly an interesting ceremony; all ages and ranks extended him the hand of congratulation, and it must have been no small enhancement of these heart-felt greetings, for Mr. Black to perceive, with what solicitude the fair hands of the Ladies remained extended in anxious expectation of the moment when they should be favoured with his salutation.

The Rev. Mr. Somerville, Rev. Mr. Esson, Rev. Mr. Urquhart, of Montreal, the Rev. Mr. McLaurin of Lochiel, Rev. Mr. Barclay of Kingston, and Rev. Mr. Leith of Cornwall, assisted in the laying on of hands. Dr. Harkness gave the right hand of fellowship. We noticed 15 Protestant Clergymen in the Church, a circumstance which, we believe, was never before witnessed in any house of worship in Lower-Canada.

RELIGIOUS SUMMARY.

From the last Report of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, we learn that the number of its subscribing members amounts to 14,650; 635 of whom have been elected since the

audit in April, 1821. Within the same period, an accession of 20 DIOCESAN and DISTRICT COMMITTEES has been made. "The circulation of BIBLES, PRAYER BOOKS and RELIGIOUS TRACTS has continued without abatement; and the general operations of the Society have been progressively enlarged." The labours of the DIOCESAN COMMITTEE of Calcutta, have been extensive and important. "The formation of an ECCLESIASTICAL ESTABLISHMENT in India, has not only restored to religion her legitimate honours, where she had long been disregarded, forgotten or despised; but has opened also, a sublime and animating prospect to the mind of every sober Christian." The report of the Schools in Bengal is highly encouraging. - In Holland, the schools which assemble for instruction on the Sabbath, receive the patronage of the King, Nobles, and principal citizens. - The report of the Paris Education Society states that there are 15 or 18 millions of persons in France, who cannot read or write. Mr. Allen, the Philanthropist, attended the Congress at Verona, and urged the cause of Africa with all his might. A strict Quaker in principle as well as in profession, he regularly appeared before the sovereigns with his hat on, and they as regularly admitted him, in the character of a privileged friend:—

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