

and laying steadily, though stealthily, her ground for yet greater progress, in our country, especially, than for many years past.

There are two other great plagues which Popery has lately undergone which we must here notice. The first is the immense development of *Ultramontanum* that has taken place of late. The whole power of that Church more than ever in any former age, now centres in Rome. The Churches of France, Germany, and Spain were in former ages national Churches; and not simply parts of a great whole. They possessed a certain amount of self-government, and the Pope was compelled to solicit the suffrages of their bishops and the sanction of their civil governments before publishing his bulls and giving them the power of law within their respective limits. But these Churches are independent no longer. All opinion, right, authority, and power, centre more and more in the chair of Peter. The national Churches and their bishops are every day growing less, the Pope and the Jesuits are every day growing more. The Pontiff is now more than ever absolute master. One will now animate and guides that Church. This is a terrible centralisation. Every one can see what an increased vigour, promptitude, and terror this must give to the whole action of Rome.

The other plague which has of late passed

upon Popery is the adoption of *Journalism*. At Paris, Brussels, Madrid, Surin, Chambery, &c., there are now established *Catholic* news papers. The editors are laymen, noways under the control of the diocesan bishop. They can decide and pronounce on all questions touching the Church without his consent, and even in opposition to his sentiments. The writers express the opinion of the Pope and the Jesuits, under whose sole inspiration and direction they are. Some of their quarrels have been carried by appeal to the Vatican. The *Univers*, for instance, appealed to Rome against the sentence of the late Archbishop of Paris, M. de Sibour, restricting its interference in political matters, and the Pope supported the newspaper against the archbishop. This is journalism in the Church of Rome rising above episcopacy. The bishops must bow to the editors because the editors bow to the Jesuits. Here is a new proof of that irresponsible and terrible centralisation which has its seat in the Vatican. The immense dangers with which such a state of things is fraught to both civil and religious liberty we need not point out. It puts the foot of the Pope on the necks of kings quite as much as it has long been, and it is now more than ever, upon the necks of the bishops. Surely Protestants are bound to use more vigorously than ever all the

instrumentalities the Reformation created, but to use them in such a way as to offer to Rome as little occasion or pretence as possible to use them also.

#### PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

This Presbytery met at Percy on the 18th of May.

There was laid on the table a unanimous call from the congregations of Percy and Seymour, in favour of the Rev. Thomas Alexander. The call was sustained, and which, having been put into the hands of Mr. Alexander, was accepted by him.

The Presbytery met again at Percy on the first of June, for the induction of Mr. Alexander. The Rev. P. Duncan preached an impressive sermon from Psalms IX. 17. The Rev. John M. Roger narrated the steps that had been taken, proposed the questions of the formula, and offered up the induction prayer. Mr. McLeod addressed the minister, and Mr. Bowie the people.

Mr. Alexander has entered upon a very interesting and important field of ministerial labour, and we hope that by divine grace, he will be an honoured instrument of winning many souls to the Redeemer.

JAMES BOWIE, *Pres. Clerk*.

### Abstract of Accounts of various Schemes of the Church, for the Year 1857-8, AS EXAMINED AND AUDITED.

#### ABSTRACT of College Account (Ordinary Fund,) for Financial year 1857-8.

##### RECEIPTS.

To amount from Presbytery of London	\$ 851 76
" " Hamilton	1356 97
" " Toronto	1052 04
" " Cobourg	256 55
" " Brockville and Ottawa	251 23
" " Kingston	153 18
" " Montreal	751 57
" " Ladies' Association, Galt	60 00
" " Sabbath Schools	16 22
	\$4749 42

To balance due the Fund..... 1754 13

\$6503 55

Amount now against the Fund..... 1754 13

" " of balances now due the Professors..... 250 00

##### DISBURSEMENTS.

By amount paid balance due Professors, previous year	\$ 324 75
" " for Stipend, Dr. Willis	1550 00
" " Professor Young	1420 00
" " Dr. Burns	1600 00
" " Mr. Willing for Fuel, Light and Attendance	200 00
" " Mr. Thomson, for Tuition	40 00
" " proportion of General Agent's Salary	250 00
" " expenses for Office Rent, Fuel, Taxes, Postage, Stationery and other incidental charges	66 00
" " sundry accounts, Insurance on Library, Advertising, Printing, &c.	82 05
" " interest charged and credited to Widows' Fund	60 00
" " balance due last year	910 75
	\$6503 55

The following congregations have omitted, this year, to remit for the College Fund, up to 1st June, viz:

In Presbytery of London—Blandford, London, Moore, St. Mary's, Saugeen. In Presbytery of Hamilton—Bramford, Niagara, Port Dover and Simcoe, Paris. In Presbytery of Toronto—Barrie, Innisfil and Essa, Caledon West and Erin, King, Oro, (Gaelic,) Whitby, West Gwillimbury & Bradford, York Mills and Fisherville. In Presbytery of Cobourg—Baltimore, Cobourg, Percy and Seymour. In Presbytery of Kingston—Chalmers' Church King's aton, Madoc. In Presbytery of Brockville and Ottawa—Beckwith, Brock-

ville, Dalhousie, McNab and Horton, Wakefield, Kemptville, Young and Augusta, Spencerville and Port Elgin. In Presbytery of Montreal—Cornwall, Kenyon, Lachute, Osnabruk, Winchester, St. Eustache and Grand Friere.

Required for ensuing year current expenses	\$5400 00
" " Interest on purchase	642 00
" " balance now due the fund	1754 00
	\$7796 00

#### ABSTRACT of Account College Building Fund, for the year 1857-8.

##### RECEIPTS.

To Presbytery of London	\$ 552 27
" " Hamilton	16 50
" " Toronto	44 00
" " Cobourg	390 10
" " Kingston	40 00
" " Brockville & Ottawa	128 60
" " Montreal	119 42
" Amount of Individual Subscriptions	601 83
" " From England, per Rev. Donald Fraser	1227 45
" " Scotland and Ireland, per Rev. Dr. Burns	4892 26
" Discount on Note of \$1,000 given to Dr. Clark	60 00
" Balance Due the Fund now	251 60
	\$8340 43

To Balance against Fund..... 261 60

##### DISBURSEMENTS.

By amount paid on account of purchase money	\$6283 00
" " Interest on account of purchase money	531 36
" " for sundry accounts, Painters, Plumbers, and Hardware for College	247 25
" " Photographic View of College for Dr. Burns and Mr. Fraser	40 00
" " Expenses connected with supply of Pulpits	12 75
" " Interest, and Expenses connected with execution of Deed and Mortgage	141 21
" " Insurance of Building	75 00
" " Alterations in Basement, and other Carpenter work	169 06
" " Expenses connected with Act of Incorporation	35 00
" " Interest Credited to Widows' Fund	48 00
" " Proportion of Expenses of Office, Postages, Telegraphs, Stationery, and other incidental charges	51 32
Balance account last year	401 48
	\$9340 43

The amount now due on purchase account is \$2676—\$10712, the interest on which is \$642 72 per annum, payable in July and January, the balance of purchase money payable in January, 1862.