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NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS. We must beg our friends to write the names of persons and places as distinctly as possible.

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APPOINTMENT OF A COMMISSARY.

Now that the local Parliament is assembled at Quebec the Petition agreed upon at the last meeting of the Synod of the Diocese of Montreal will no doubt be presented.

the Episcopal duties required—all else is managed by the standing committee. The Synod now asks for such legislation as will vest the Senior Dignitary of the Church in this Diocese next in rank to Bishop, until a Bishop be duly elected and consecrated.

We say no request can be more reasonable. Several months must still elapse before the Bishops will assume their nominations. It is not impossible but that through the illness of one or more of the four Bishops the period may be longer delayed.

We have been pained to learn that a little knot of disappointed ones, hoping to complicate matters, have for some time past been secretly working to secure an opposition to this measure in the local Parliament.

We begin in the present number, the publication of Dean MacNeile's sifting essay on "Rome's Tactics." Dr. MacNeile is the foremost Protestant Controversialist in England, and is a thorough analyst of error, and a fearless exposé of its subtleties.

AUDI ALTERAM PARTEM.

We use these words in a peculiar sense which we will explain. The expression, "Hear the other side," is generally applied to the case of a person who, in a judicial capacity, is called upon to decide impartially between two "opponents."

who consider that Ritualism and Anglicanism are reconcilable carefully consider, and let them remember that they are the words, not of evangelical indignation, but of Romish sympathy. "They even pass beyond the mark. We see that in a book entitled 'Directorium Anglicanum,' a sort of manual of ceremonies, there are to be found rather puerile details.

with boastful blasphemy outside the walls of the city of Zion. But Rab-shakeh was deceived. So may God now also rescue His Church from danger, confounding the plots of her enemies both within and without, and making her sons and her daughters valiant and true in defence of their fathers' faith.

THE ROMISH HIERARCHY IN SCOTLAND.

Time brings great changes. The only motto suitable to all emergencies is "nil admirari,"—to be surprised at nothing. Yet, if we had not a firm faith in God's government of the world, and if we did not believe that He would, in His own appointed time, clearly make the seeming inconsistencies of the passing years the testimonies of His wisdom, and bring apparently opposing influences to converge to His truth and glory, thus literally compelling the "wrath of man to praise Him,"

know some well by experience, could return to the scene of his labours, can we imagine with what indignation he would witness this affront to his memory. But such conjecture is vain; though, if the respective parties were reversed, and Knox had been a Romish saint, we should no doubt have speedy word of his relics having shewn no dubious sign of disapproval.

Rev. B. Bernard; Bishop of Ross, Rev. William Dawson; Bishop of Dundee, Rev. John Macpherson; Bishop of Argyle, Rev. Joseph Constable Maxwell; Bishop of Dunkeld, Rev. Archibald Macdonald; Bishop of Caithness, Rev. Peter Joseph Grant. We know nothing at present of the previous religious history of these prelates, but the names are such as in familiar parlance we usually call "Protestant names."

CONFIRMATION.

At the request of the Dean, and several of the city clergy, the Lord Bishop of Toronto, administered the Apostolic rite of Confirmation at the Cathedral, St. Georges, and St. Stephens, on last Sunday; the

Rev. Canon Loosmore, acting as chaplain by request of the Bishop. After morning service in the Cathedral, sixty candidates were presented to his Lordship by the Revd. Canon Loosmore and Revd. Canon Balch. There was a very large congregation present, and His Lordship preached a most impressive sermon, chiefly addressed to those just confirmed, from St. Luke, 2-52.

HELLMUTH COLLEGE.

Among all the towns and cities of the Province of Ontario there is none which occupies a more favorable situation in many respects—none, certainly, which is progressing more rapidly, than the pleasant city of London. To the north and north-west lies some of the best farming land in the whole Dominion, stretching back as far as Lake Huron.

We have received a prospectus of an "Interlinear Translation of the Bible," about to be issued in two-monthly numbers from the press of A. J. Tafel, of Philadelphia. The Greek Testament is to make its appearance first. We have seen a specimen of the typography Hebrew and Greek, and it is very clear and pretty.

The Text and Translation of the New Testament will be issued in seven or eight parts, that of the Old Testament in twenty or twenty one parts. Each part will contain 160 large octavo pages, and 15 or 20 pages of the "Notes."

We draw particular attention to the following leading Editorial of the Church Witness and Monitor, of New Brunswick and Halifax, of the 20th inst. Great principles are involved in it. We reserve our remarks for a future number:— "We have for some time refrained from noticing an unusual occurrence in our Diocese, resulting from late synodical action, and causing deep regret to very many of our most active and influential Church members.