

Puslinch, two donations of books from his valuable Theological Library have reached us. The publications of the "Parker Society" of England, embrace fifty volumes of the writings of the best of England's Protestant Bishops and clergy, at the time of the Reformation—the Jewels, the Kidleys, the Cranmers, the Latimers, the Hoopers, the Bradfords, and a host of others whose name are well known, and the set of these works which had been recently acquired by Mr. McLean, was purchased by Mr. Isaac McQuesten of Hamilton, the son of our esteemed friend, Dr. McQuesten, and presented to the Library; and Mrs. McLean, the mourning widow of our lamented brother, generously presented as her gift, all the hitherto published writings of the Puritan divines of the same period, comprising twenty-five handsome octavo volumes, along with a guarantee for the additional five volumes on their publication, to complete the set. The volumes embracing these valuable gifts are as good as new, and they have assigned to them a prominent place among the treasures of the Knox Collection. For these, as for all the donations, due acknowledgements have been made. Nearly about the same time, other donations were received from two friends, both of them for a series of years officially connected with the institution, one still its accredited public representative, and the other its still warmly attached friend; we refer to Principal Willis, and to Professor Young.

The respected head of our Theological seminary has presented to the Library, the Cambridge edition in three volumes folio, of the "Historical Fathers" of the Church, Eusebius, Hegesippus, Socrates, Sozomen, Evagrius and others; a work of inestimable value, as forming the almost exclusive source of all the information we possess regarding the antiquities and history of the Church of Christ, for the first six centuries. The work is beautifully finished, in the languages of both Greece and Rome; enriched with notes by the continental Editor, Valesius (Henry de Valois), and the Cambridge Editor, Mr. George Reading, Librarian to Zion College, London (1721); dedicated by the one to Louis XIV, and his celebrated minister of State, Colbert; and by the other, to the then Duke of Chandos, a munificent patron of learning. This Anglican edition was brought out by the subscriptions of nearly 300 English gentlemen, chiefly heads of literary establishments, and dignitaries of the church. The names and the sums attached to each are all exactly set down in Latin, and the guiding star in the galaxy, is a worthy rector of two parishes near the Metropolis, and who has attached to his name (as in the case of the others,) the amount of his subscription in these peculiar and somewhat odd terms:—"Solvebat duos nummos aureos quos Anglice—Guineas vulgo dicimus. The work is magnificent, and in fine preservation. I need scarcely add, that our Library had been previously in possession of both the old and new English translations, both of the history of Eusebius, and his "Life of Constantine."

The donation by Professor Young amounts to not fewer than two hundred volumes, embracing a great variety of works by German and Anglican writers of the present and the past age, theological and miscellaneous. It is not often that a public library of this kind receives such a large addition to its lists, from any private collection. Very thankful are we for it, but protest against its being viewed—assuredly it was not intended—as a *solatium* "soothing and satisfactory," for the loss of the personal presence and academical labours of our esteemed friend. No—the "*desiderium tam cari capitis*" still affects us; and when the ex-professor shall have returned from "foreign travel," we can assure him of a hearty welcome back to associations and scenes, that would not soon fade from his remembrance nor from ours.

Various minor gifts in addition to the above claim grateful notice. Mr. Geddie, the valued Nova Scotia Missionary to the South Pacific has presented us with the printed translation of the New Testament into the language