

In the enlarged appreciation of excellence under different external forms, and in all ages of the Church, the better German writers surpass all others. The theologian who is ignorant of German, works at a great disadvantage, and it were worth while to acquire the language, were it only to possess the power of reading such a review as the "Studien u. Kritiken," and such a repository of theological information as the "Cyclopaedia" of Herzog.

We may mention that Professor Hagenbach of Basle, well known by his publications on various eras of Church history, is now editing a series of the Calvinistic Reformers of the Continent, in nine volumes, with biographies and portraits, at the subscription price of five shillings a volume. The first volume, Zwingle, has already appeared, a volume of nearly 800 pages. The undertaking is well worthy of support from all German scholars.

## SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.

### ECCLESIASTICAL AND MISSIONARY.

**FREE CHURCH AT MALTA.**—On the last Sabbath of the year 1857, a new Free Church was opened on this island. The Rev. George Wisely is the Pastor. The edifice is said to be elegant and commodious, and cost £3500.

**SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH.**—Much excitement has been awakened in the Scottish Episcopal Church, by the assertion by the Bishop of Brechin, in a charge to his clergy, of his belief in the presence, so as to be objects of adoration, of the body and blood of Christ in the communion elements. Three of the Scotch bishops—Bishops Terrot, Ewing, and Trower—have issued a protest against this view. Much correspondence has taken place among the lay members of the Church, and it is reported that a party are prepared to leave unless the Bishop's Charge be authoritatively condemned.

**MISSIONS AMONG THE FRENCH CANADIANS.**—It is becoming more evident, day by day, that each Protestant Church in Canada will organise and prosecute a mission among the French Canadian Romanists. The Church of England has the mission of Sabrevois; the Baptists continue their successful labors at Grande Ligne and various other stations on the South Shore of the St. Lawrence: and now the Wesleyan Methodists have intimated their intention to conduct a separate Methodist mission. The French Canadian Missionary Society remains on its general, non-denominational basis, but the movements above mentioned throw it of necessity into the hands of the Congregationalists and Presbyterians.

**PRUSSIA.**—The Prince of Prussia, the father of Prince Frederick William, has long been the warmest supporter of the idea of a close English alliance on the grounds of broad policy. He is also the determined opponent of that movement Romeward, which has appeared in the Protestant Church of Prussia, as well as in the Church of England. He feels that the true strength of his kingdom is to be found in the maintenance of an evangelical Protestantism, equally opposed to Rationalism, on the one hand, and high Lutheranism on the other. Already, in the short period of his regency, and with only limited powers, he has markedly indicated his tendency. He was understood to be, like the king, most friendly to the meeting of the Evangelical Alliance at Berlin.

**EDINBURGH BIBLE SOCIETY.**—This Association held its annual meeting on the 19th January. It was largely and influentially attended. The chairman was Mr. Adam Black, M.P. Mr. Black, in speaking of the advantages even of the silent teaching of the Bible, referred to the case of Madagascar, where the Church of God had continued to grow by its means after the banishment of the missionaries. He stated, in regard to the progress of the Society,—"During the last ten years, the circulation of the Bible by the Society has gone on every year exceeding the number of the preceding. Last year shows a larger circulation than any of the former, exceeding that of 1856 by 7466 Bibles and Testaments,—the total number being 61,687. I have only to say in conclusion, that I trust the Society will go on increasing in its labour, more and more every year." The Report stated, that of these 61,687, 6489 were Gaelic, and 16,593 were copies of the English Scriptures for distribution in Ireland. A number had been sent to the colonies; 5000 copies of the German School Bible, and 10,000 tracts against the Apocrypha, had been sent to Mr. Oncken of Hamburg. The speakers were Colonel Anderson, the Rev. Dr. Thomson, the Rev. Mr. Rainy, &c.