

our day would care to use, though no such scruple would have troubled Moses, or David, or Matthew, or Paul.

DIGEST OF THE MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA, with a Historical Introduction and an Appendix of Forms and Procedures, by the Rev. Alexander F. Kemp, St. Gabriel Street Church, Montreal. Published by John Lovell. 1861.

This is a volume of 474 pages, carefully compiled by a skilful hand and containing a very minute and perfectly authentic history of Presbyterianism in Canada. The first Presbyterian congregation was formed in Quebec in 1787, and in 1790 a Presbyterian Church was established in Montreal. How has the "little one become a thousand"! The Presbyterian Church of Canada alone now numbers 151 ministers; the Established Church of Scotland in Canada numbers 98 ministers, and the United Presbyterian 70. This progress has taken place within less than a century. What may we not expect before another hundred years shall have rolled away? The volume before us gives the substance of the proceedings of the Synod of the Presbyterian (Free) Church since it was constituted in 1844. The Appendix is extremely valuable to young ministers who are not well versed in Church Forms. Mr. Kemp has conferred a boon on the Presbyterians of Canada by this valuable work, and we earnestly hope that his own expectation may be fulfilled—that he may "be spared another twenty years to chronicle the acts and digest the proceedings of the Canada Presbyterian Church."

BLESSINGS IN DISGUISE, being a Sequel to "The Valley of Achor," by Rev. S. S. Sheddan. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication. 18mo. Pp. 136.

This work, which is intended specially for the afflicted, consists of four chapters under the following titles, "Baali and Ishi, or the cold distant and the near confiding view of God," (Hos. xi. 16); "The Divine Gardener," (Song vi. 2); "The Refiner, or God sanctifying his People," (Mal. iii. 3); and "The Eagle, or disturbing Providences, a Father's Love," (Deut. xxxii. 11). The whole is replete with thoughts which cannot but be soothing to the afflicted and sorrowing, but we would recommend it as conveying truths worthy the attention of readers of every class.

THE CHURCH, ITS CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNMENT, by the Rev. Stuart Mitchell. Same Publishers. 18mo., Pp. 132.

We should have noticed this little work sooner. It is an admirable exposition of the principles held by Presbyterians regarding the nature of the Church, and the principles of Scripture relating to its Government. We know not where, within the same compass and in a form so convenient for ordinary readers, these subjects are so thoroughly handled.

Of the Board's Series for Youth we have received the following:—

CARES AND COMFORTS. By the Author of "Lame Letty" 18mo., Pp. 190

This little book contains a simple narrative of the trials of a wife and mother, particularly from a drunken husband, yet for some time without a knowledge of the Saviour and the consolations of religion, with an account of the manner in which she was at length led to give her heart to God, the support