

In the formula to be signed the candidate is obliged to "sincerely own and believe the whole doctrine contained in the Confession of Faith to be the truths of God." To this question Mr. Macdonnell would answer, "Yes—with the qualification expressed in the Confession of Faith itself, Chap. xxxi. paragraph 4." This paragraph is: "All Synods or Councils since the Apostles' times may err, and many have erred: therefore they are not to be made the rule of faith or practice, but to be used as an help in both." The Presbytery, after deliberation, agreed to regard this answer as sufficient. And the Presbytery of Victoria having released him from the charge of Peterboro, he was to be inducted into St. Andrew's, Toronto, on Dec. 22nd. We congratulate the Church on having such a man as Mr. Macdonnell in so important a charge as the capital of Ontario.

Presbytery of Manitoba.

We rejoice, says the Canada *Presbyterian*, to see that a Presbytery, albeit it is of the other branch of the Church, has been formed in Manitoba—the first of the new Provinces which will arise in the fertile plains of our great Canadian North West. The Presbytery comprises three ministers, and has already taken steps to establish a college. It is to our shame as the elder branch of the Church that Presbyterianism is so weak there. Although nine-tenths of the English-speaking population are Scotch, but a fraction are Presbyterians. The Church of England has, to her credit be it said, cared for their spiritual interests when we did not, and now has a strong staff of clergymen there, including a Bishop and an Arch-deacon, both of Scottish birth, and both faithful men.

The New University Buildings, Glasgow.

The present Session is the first for Glasgow in her new University. We cannot refrain from giving the following extracts from a private letter of one of our own students at present studying for the Church:—

"There are now just two weeks since the new College was opened. Of course,

such an event was made the occasion of a grand display by all interested parties.

"There are many who are warmly attached to the old University, and who look upon its demolition as vandalism. It is no wonder that those who received their first inspiration within its time-honoured walls should mourn over its decay; but could they catch a glimpse of the new form of life in which it has appeared, they would no longer sigh for its preservation at the expense of the more noble structure. The number of students has not much increased this session. There is no change of Professors since you left. I like Professor Lushington's Greek Class, but I assure you he is not superior to Professor Johnston of Dalhousie, nor his equal as a teacher. Mathematics is much better taught in Halifax than here. As a lecturer, Sir William Thompson completely fails. Mental and Moral Philosophy are much better taught here than in Colonial Institutions."

We just give the above extracts for what they are worth. They are interesting as showing the estimate of one who studied in Dalhousie and also in Glasgow. We have Professors who, in the estimation of men who studied under them, are equal, if not superior, to those occupying the corresponding Chairs in such an institution as Glasgow University. Let our students ponder this.

Chapel Service for the Students in Glasgow University.

The latest movement in the University of Glasgow is to have Chapel service for the Students. Dr. Caird and Professor Blackburn are the leaders in the movement. Dr. Caird has promised to do his part in the service, and we feel assured that the eloquence of this eminent Divine of the Scotch Church will have its effect upon, and do much good among, the Students. There are about fifty Students training for the Choir, and a magnificent organ has been ordered from London. Of course the chapel is within the University Buildings. While the University of Edinburgh is fighting about Female Medical Doctors, that of Glasgow is providing for the spiritual welfare of her sons.