

previously collected to be expended in other improvements upon the building and the grounds.

There is a lesson taught by this action, especially when we remember that the liberal friend alluded to is continually putting his hands into his pockets for the support of every good word and work, and this in such a quiet, modest manner, that his left hand seldom knows what his right hand is doing, which we trust will not be without a liberalizing effect when the wealthy members of our two old city congregations are called upon to aid in building the new church in Richmond.

J. R. T.

Newcastle, N. B.—We understand that the Rev. F. R. McDonald, at present assistant to Dr. Brooke, Fredericton, has received an harmonious call to St. James' Church, Newcastle, N. B., and that there is every probability that he will accept it, and that thus this large and important congregation, which has been vacant since Dr. Henderson's death, will be supplied with a minister who will worthily carry on all the schemes of christian benevolence that Dr. Henderson so energetically inaugurated and worked.

Portland, St. John, N. B.—The induction of the Rev. George J. Caie to the new St. Stephen's Church, Portland, St. John, N. B., is very gratifying in every way. A new church, by far the costliest and handsomest in connection with the Kirk in New Brunswick, has been built, and is free of debt. A new congregation has been formed which begins by offering its minister \$1000 a year, and hopes next year to make it \$1400. A Sabbath school, of more than 100 scholars, is in full working order. There are 12 young and active trustees, and, with the blessing of God, we look for great things yet from the infant congregation.

Chatham, N. B.—The younger members and adherents of St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, have shewn their good will to their minister and Mrs. Wilson, by the presentation to the latter of a sofa and wash-stand, accompanied by an address, to which Mrs. Wilson made a suitable reply.

The Minutes of Synod will appear in next issue.

NOTES OF THE MONTH.

THE absorbing topic during the past two months has been the treatment given in the House of Lords to the Irish Church Bill. The discussions have been abler than those in the Commons, where popularity is more sought than truth. The amendments of the Lords are such as: a postponement for some months of disestablishment, a granting of life annuities to Episcopal clergy upon high valuations, the acquisition of some private endowments granted before 1660, and the non-disposal of the surplus amounting to eight millions. These, with one exception, have all been rejected by the Commons, so that a collision has taken place between the two branches. The telegraph informs us of a compromise, the result of which is that the bill has received the Royal assent. There have been many agrarian outrages in Ireland, and the Protestants of Ireland are deeply offended with imperial legislation. We have no doubt that in the end the Irish Church will be much stronger. It will become the soundest part of the Episcopal Church of Britain. It is thought that a portion of the Cabinet—particularly Lords Clarendon and Granville, were favourable to a compromise in the direction of the Lords' amendments.

AMERICAN statesmen are still happy with the dream of starving the British Provinces, by treating them commercially as all other foreign nations, and of annexation, which is sedulously taught by five Nova Scotian papers. Still they complain that British commerce flourishes while their own shipping declines. The Eastern States require our coal and iron; and if they would rather take it dear