

Croix, Presbytery of Halifax. The Rev. W. Caven has demitted his charge in Fredericton, N.B., much to the regret of the Presbytery of St. John.

CONGREGATIONAL REPORTS.—LANCASTER: Knox Church.—In two years this union congregation has contributed \$10,804. They have built a very fine church and manse, and have added 172 to the Communion roll. The Sabbath School has 125 scholars; \$700 was given for Foreign Missions, the Women's Board contributing \$140.

STRATFORD, Ont.: St. Andrew's Church.—During the past year, this congregation has increased from seventy families to one hundred and thirty-nine. The *Presbyterian Record* is supplied to each family by the Kirk Session. The Ladies' Missionary Association collects for the Schemes of the Church monthly. The prayer meetings are well attended. The Sabbath School has outgrown its school-room. The total contributions for the year were \$4,121.

NEW CHURCHES.

A church was opened at Egansville in the new presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew, on the twentieth of June last. The officiating ministers were, the Revs. R. Campbell, of Renfrew, T. Muir, of Metcalfe, and W. D. Ballantyne, of Pembroke. The church, which is erected for three hundred, was filled to overflowing by members of all denominations in the village. It was a day of general rejoicing, that, at length, after many discouragements, the persevering efforts of a handful of Presbyterians had thus been crowned with success.

STRATEROY, Ont.—A handsome church was opened for divine service in this rising town, on sabbath the 14th July, by Rev. G. M. Milligan, of old St. Andrew's Toronto.

LESLIEVILLE, Toronto.—A new church was opened for worship here on 13th July. This is the second congregation organized under the auspices of the Toronto Church Extension Association since the union. Other cities and towns will do well to take note of the wisdom and forethought displayed by the Toronto people.

MATILDA, Ont.—Arrangements have been made for the opening of a new church in this township on the first sabbath of August. The Rev. Robert Campbell, of Montreal, to officiate.

DUNDALK, Ont.—A neat, gothic church was opened at this place on the 7th July, by Rev. Duncan McDonald, of Creemore, who preached in the morning. Rev. Dr. Fraser, late of Formosa, preached in the afternoon, and Mr. Williams, Methodist,

in the evening. At a "social," held on the Tuesday evening following, Dr. Fraser delivered a lecture on "China and the Chinese."

NEWFOUNDLAND.—The corner stone of a fine new church was laid at St. John's, on the 18th June, with masonic honors. A very large assemblage of people attended the ceremony. The weather was propitious, and everything passed off satisfactorily. It may be remembered that the union of the two congregations in St. John's hung fire, for a considerable length of time. There seemed to be a difficulty as to which of the churches should be abandoned. Pending the negotiations, both churches seem to have been destroyed by fire, and so the way was made clear for a union which has been effected in a very harmonious manner. The Provincial Grand Master, A. M. McKay, opened the proceedings. Prayer was then offered by the Rev. M. Harvey, the Grand Chaplain. The stone having been pronounced "truly and correctly laid," Rev. Dr. Muir, of Edinburgh, delivered a suitable address, after which the Rev. J. D. Patterson closed the proceedings. The event marks a very important and interesting era in the history of Presbyterianism in this island. Respecting the union thus effected we have only to say we rejoice to hear of it: *esto perpetua*.

Meetings of Presbyteries.

PARIS, 2nd July.—Dr. Cochrane intimated his resignation of the office of the clerkship, which he had held for the past fourteen years. The duties imposed upon him by the General Assembly, in connection with the Home Mission work, added to the charge of his large congregation, made it desirable that he should be relieved. The Presbytery expressed deep regret that this course should be judged necessary, and requested that the application be allowed to lie on the table till next meeting. Minutes of the Assembly were read, granting the Presbytery leave to receive Rev. Robert Scinger as a minister of the Church, and to take Mr. William Rothwell on trial for licence. Mr. McEwen gave in the Report on Sabbath School.

PICTOU, N.S., 2nd July.—Rev. Alex. McLean, of Hopewell, was appointed Moderator for the current year. Arrangements were made for Mr. Donald's induction, at Pictou, on 23rd July. A minute of the General Assembly was read, confirming the action of the Presbytery in according to the Rev. Geo. Walker, late minister of Prince