

Rev. John Smith, of Berwick-upon-Tweed, has declined the call to St. James' Square Church, Toronto.

DEMISSIONS.—Rev. Thomas Atkinson, of Enniskillen and Cartwright, and Rev. James Little, of Bowmanville, *Whitby*. Rev. Andrew Gray of Wallace, N. S. Rev. John Macdonald, of Cow Bay, C.B. Rev. James Tait of Fitzroy Harbour.

NEW CHURCHES.

PARK-STREET CHURCH, HALIFAX.—The congregation which for forty years worshipped in Poplar-grove Church have built a new and very handsome church on Park-street. The last services were held in the old building on the 26th of October. These were numerously attended, and were very impressive. The Park-street Church was dedicated on the first Sabbath of November; Rev. Dr. Macrae preaching in the forenoon and afternoon, and the pastor, Rev. A. Simpson, in evening. On the three occasions the church was filled to overflowing with attentive audiences. The collections amounted to \$1,360. The new church cost \$23,000. It is capable of seating 700 or 800 and is one of the most comfortable and elegant churches in the Maritime Provinces. Mr. Thomas Bayne is to present the church with a new organ. There is a Sabbath-school room capable of accommodating 400, and a room for the infant class.

PORT ARTHUR, Lake Superior.—A very fine new church was opened for worship at this place on the 5th of October by Principal King, of Winnipeg, who preached both at the morning and evening services. The building is in the form of a Greek cross, is elaborately finished, and has cost about \$10,000. This beautiful church is a noble testimony of the success of Mr. Herald's labours during the four years he has been in charge of the congregation, and speaks well for the liberality, the good taste, and the enterprise of his people.

ST. GEORGE DE BEAUCÉ, Quebec.—The new church at St. George, of which mention has already been made in these columns, was set apart for the worship of God on the 16th of October. The services were conducted by Rev. J. C. Cattanach of Sherbrooke, assisted by the Rev. John G. Pritchard, of St. Sylvester, and Rev. James D. Fergusson, of Marlow, the pastor. This is the second Protestant church in the county of Beauce, and we understand that already the attendance of the congregation has doubled. It cost \$1,050. The debt is \$200, which will not remain long a burden on it. The church will seat 120 persons. It was built by the seven Presbyterian families who reside here, with the kind assistance of their Episcopalian neighbours.

STRATHALBYN, P. E. Island.—A beautiful new Church was opened for divine service on Sabbath the 2nd November, by the Rev. A. Stirling, New London, who preached in English at 11 a.m., Mr. Macleod, the pastor, preached at 2 p.m., in Gaelic.

This Church is constructed in the Gothic style, with a show of taste and beauty, fitted to accommodate six hundred people, furnished with every modern improvement, organ excepted, which is not accepted. It is acknowledged to be one of the handsomest buildings of the kind in the province. Great praise is due to the people of Strathalbyn for their exemplary effort in finishing two such churches within the limited period of fifteen months.

LINWOOD, Guelph.—The new church at Linwood was opened for worship on the 26th of October by Rev. Principal Caven. The church is 46 by 30 feet, and will seat comfortably 200 persons. It is a handsome little church, an ornament to the village, and a credit to the congregation and its pastor, Rev. Alexander Russell.

DAY MILLS, Algoma.—A handsome frame church, 24 by 40, has just been erected at this place, situated about twelve miles from the village of Thessalon. It was opened for public worship by Mr. H. McLennan, student missionary. The debt remaining on the building is covered by subscriptions, with the exception of about \$54.

KOUCHIBOUIGUAC, N. B.—A new Church was dedicated here on Sabbath, the 19th of October. The services were conducted by Mr. W. L. McRae, Catechist. The building is 55 x 30 feet, capable of seating 250. It is very neatly finished and beautifully situated. It cost \$1,700, and is free from debt.

A SABBATH-SCHOOL ROOM, costing \$800, has been erected, free from debt, in connection with the Presbyterian Church, at Grafton, Ontario, where the Rev. J. W. Smith and his wife have both laboured faithfully and successfully for the last 35 years, Mrs. Smith having always taken a prominent part in the Sabbath-school.

THE COLLEGES.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, HALIFAX. The session was opened on November 5th, the inaugural lecture being by Dr. Pollok, on the "Teaching of the Twelve Apostles." The lecturer traced the history of the "Teaching" and explained its bearings upon apologetics and on current questions in theology. The freshmen class this year is larger than usual, numbering ten or twelve. A catalogue of the library has been prepared this summer, showing 9,000 volumes. Rev. Dr. Macrae addressed the students very impressively on their privileges and responsibilities. At a meeting of the College Board on the same day, steps were taken for carrying out the instructions of the Synod relating to a chair in Dalhousie College. A Bursary Committee was appointed which takes measures to help