

MIRAMICHI. At its last meeting, much regret was expressed at the absence of its Moderator the Rev. A. O. Brown, who is at present in Montreal under medical treatment. Mr. Aitken received the thanks of the Presbytery for his successful management of the Augmentation fund, which had fully met expectations. All the other annual Presbyterial reports were in the hands of the clerk.

Montreal.—Very emphatic protests against the Jesuits Estate Act have been made by this Presbytery at successive meetings. It is now proposed to petition Her Majesty the Queen to interpose. Similar steps have been taken in Toronto, Hamilton, Paris, Kingston and other Presbyteries. On the motion of Rev. L. H. Jordan, the Presbytery at its last meeting appointed a committee "to consider the question of instituting the order of the Deaconess, in all its bearings, and to recommend some method by which woman's work in our Church may be deliberately organized, and then judiciously developed."

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND. The Presbytery of P. E. Island embraces the whole of the Province. Last year was marked with progress all along the line. Five churches and one manse were built. Contributions to the schemes of the church increased \$1,612 over the previous year. \$930 of the increase was in the Foreign Mission Fund. For all objects the advance was \$5,634. Comparing 1883 with 1878 the advance in contributions amounts to \$19,378. Eleven years ago the gifts for Foreign Missions amounted to \$899; last year the amount was \$3,118. The congregations have increased from 25 to 33; families from 2418 to 3064; communicants from 3527 to 4635; stipends from \$14,423 to 19,550. These figures show a steady and marked advance. Within the last three years six congregations in the eastern part of the island have come up to the minimum stipend.

ORDINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS.

ANCASTER AND ALBERTON, Hamilton:—Rev. John McClung of Shakespere, was inducted on the 5th of April.

PROTON, Orangeville:—Rev. D. McColl, ordained missionary, was inducted on the 2nd of April.

DALHOUSIE, Miramichi:—Rev. George Fisher of Montrose, P.E.I., was inducted on the 9th of April.

SHEEDIAC, St. John:—Mr. W. R. M. Baird was ordained and inducted on the 2nd of April.

LITTLE NARROWS, C.B.—It was Mr. Roderick McLeod, and not Mr. Mackenzie, who was ordained here on the 29th of January.

BRIDGEWATER, Lunenburg and Shelburne:—Rev. J. F. Dustan was inducted April 9th.

WEST CORNWALLIS, Halifax:—Rev. J. W. MacLennan has been appointed to this charge for one year.

NORTH LUTHER & WOODLAND, Saugeen:—Rev. Hugh McKellar of High Bluff, Brandon, was inducted on the 9th of April.

CALLS.—Rev. John Mathieson of Martintown, to Lake Megantic—declined. Rev. J. C. Tolmie to Whitechurch and Wawanosh, Maitland—declined; also to Melville Church, Fergus—called aside. Rev. R. J. M. Glassford of Waubausene, *Barrie*—to Streetsville, Toronto. Rev. John A. Jaffray of Spillamacheen, has accepted a call to Richmond, B. C. Rev. Donald Munroe to Deloraine, *Manitoba*. Rev. W. G. Mills of Sunderland to Markdale etc.—*Orangeville*, declined. Rev. G. E. Freeman of Deer Park to Cobourg—declined. Rev. H. McKellar of High Bluff, *Brandon*, to N. Luther, Ont.—accepted. Rev. A. Urquhart of Regina, to Brandon, Man.—accepted.

DEMISSIONS.—Rev. George Crombie of St. Ann's, and Rev. R. M. Croll of Simcoe,—*Hamilton*. Rev. A. McColl and Rev. W. Walker of First Church Chatham, Ont. Rev. A. A. Watson of Riverside, *St. John*. Rev. George Mackay of Cartwright, *Peterboro*.

NEW CHURCHES.

CORNWALL, Ont.—A very handsome new church, built by the congregation of St. John's, was opened for divine worship on Sabbath the 17th of March. Rev. Dr. McMullen, Moderator of General Assembly, preached in the forenoon, and Principal McVicar in the evening, the attendance at both services being very large. The church has cost about \$30,000, and is the third that has been built for the use of this historic congregation. The first was erected during the early part of the ministry of Rev. John Bathune (1787-1815, the second was built during the Rev. Harry Leith's incumbency, and was opened in October, 1826. The successive ministers of this congregation after Mr. Bathune were, (1), Rev. Joseph Johnston, a licentiate of the Synod of Ulster (but there is no record of his "induction," (2) Rev. Harry Leith, from Aberdeen. (3) Rev. Hugh Urquhart, 1829-1871, (4) Rev. Neil MacNish, L. D.D., the present pastor, who succeeded Dr. Urquhart in February 1871. The new church is undoubtedly the finest ecclesiastical structure in the old Eastern District.

TORONTO.—The new East Church was opened for worship on the 7th of April, by Rev. Dr. McMullen, Moderator of General Assembly and Principal Caven. It is a very handsome building, seated for 1,000 persons, and has cost about \$34,000. This is mainly a working men's congregation and the completion of such a fine edifice speaks well for the zeal and success of the pastor, Rev. J. M. Cameron and those associated with him in the management of its affairs. Mr. C. was inducted here in 1871 and the congregation has grown in his hands from a small mission station to a large and flourishing church.

VICTORIA, B. C.—The foundation stone of a splendid new church for St. Andrew's congregation was laid here on the 6th of March.