

Our Own Church.

THE attention of commissioners and others having business with the General Assembly appointed to meet at London on the 13th of next month is directed to the official notices of the Clerks of Assembly in another column.

As will be seen from the report of the last meeting of the Home Mission Committee, a large number of students have been appointed to the North West for the summer months. There are, however, many important points on the line of railway still unsupplied. If any of our ministers are prepared to give three or four months supply in these new fields, they ought at once to correspond with Mr. Robertson, the Superintendent of Missions, or Dr. Cochrane, the Convener. There is now, we are glad to say, a prospect of all the Churches in British Columbia being united in one Presbytery and under one ecclesiastical jurisdiction. Our Committee are still in correspondence with the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland regarding this most desirable arrangement. Should the funds of the Home Mission Committee realize the expectations formed, judging from the amount paid in on April 1st, a clean balance sheet will be submitted to the Assembly. Prince Albert will soon be left vacant by the return of Mr. Sieveright next October. This is now a most important point, and it is to be hoped the Committee will be able to secure a suitable minister within the next few months.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—The following is a summary of the congregational statistics of St. Andrew's Church, St. John's, for the year 1882:—The receipts for current expenses were \$5,700; by St. Andrew's Missionary Society, \$732; by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, \$300; special collections for Supplementing Fund, \$140; donation to Manitoba Church and Manse Building Fund, \$1,000; total, \$7,872. Every thing seems to be working smoothly. The only difficulty, we suspect, is that the congregation is becoming too large for the Church. Though Mr. McNeill is not to blame for the size of the Church he is chargeable to a large extent for the increase of the membership since he went there. We have not received his annual letter yet.

PERSONAL.—Rev. W. D. Armstrong, acting agent for the Board of French Evangelization

in Great Britain and Ireland, has met with a kind reception wherever he has been, and has been successful in the main object of his visit—the procuring of funds to aid in carrying on the extensive work of the Board. Mr. Armstrong's engagement terminates in the end of May. Mr. Chiniquy has been invited by Mr. Reveillaud to visit France before returning to Canada. Rev. John Morton, of Trinidad, is constrained to come home for the summer on account of impaired health. Mr. Hendrie, who was expected to succeed the Rev. Thos. M. Christie at Couva, Trinidad, finds that his health will not admit of his accepting the appointment. Rev. Hugh Robertson, of Eronanga, is expected at Halifax immediately. The Rev. John McEwen, of Erskine Church, Ingersoll, has accepted the important position of Secretary of the Ontario Sabbath-school Association. A meeting of the Paris Presbytery has been called for the 8th May to dissolve the pastoral tie. Rev. Principal MacVicar, of Montreal, and Rev. John Scott, of North Bruce, are to be congratulated on their elevation to the distinguished rank of D.D. The good old title of V.D.M. has become obsolete.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MONTREAL.—It is announced that the choice of this congregation, which has been vacant for a year and a half, has at length fallen on the Rev. James Barclay, M.A., colleague with Dr. McGregor in the pastoral charge of St. Cuthbert's Church and congregation, Edinburgh, Scotland. Mr. Barclay has signified his acceptance of the invitation given him by the committee of the congregation, which will in due time take the form of a regular "call." The stipend is fifteen hundred pounds sterling per annum. It is not expected that the new minister will be inducted until the end of September.

ORDINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS.

MONTREAL: *St. Joseph Street Church*.—The Rev. Thomas Cumming, of Stellarton, N.S., was inducted on the 19th of April.

PRINCE EDWARD: *Sarnia*.—Rev. W. Leitch, late of Dungannon, was inducted on the 3rd of April.

AMHERST: *Wallace*.—Rev. D. McGregor, late of Merigomish, was inducted on the 29th of March.

HORNING'S MILLS AND HONEYWOOD: *Toronto*.—Arrangements were made by the Presbytery of Toronto for the ordination and induction of Mr. J. A. McDonald, probationer.

ARCHIBALD: *Manitoba*.—Rev. J. A. Townsend was inducted in the end of March.

CALLS.—Rev. J. H. Ratcliffe, of Ancaster, to First Congregation, St. Catharines, Ont. Rev. J. A. Morrison, missionary at Sault