

Our Own Church.

THE SYNOD OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES meets in Fort Massey Church, Halifax, on Tuesday the 9th of October at 7.30 p.m. The presence of three of our beloved Missionaries, now on furlough, will invest this meeting with special interest. Among the subjects to be discussed will be that of Theological education—how to make the Hall as efficient as possible: how to attract more students: to consider the ways and means for ministerial support: to make provision for the extension of Home and Foreign Mission work, &c., &c. There will doubtless be a large attendance. The most notable thing in the West just now is the acceptance by *Rev. John M. King, D.D.*, of St. James Square Church, Toronto, of the appointment as principal and primarius professor of Divinity in the Manitoba College. Whatever views one may hold as to the expediency of multiplying the schools of the prophets so as to bring the Theological Hall, thus to speak, to every man's door (and by which many are doubtless induced to study for the ministry who would not do so otherwise) there can be no difference of opinion that the true policy of the Church is to avail itself of the very best talent it can command for theological teaching, more especially in a new country where so much depends upon a good foundation. Upon this ground we congratulate the people of Manitoba and the North-West in having secured the services of one who is not only a ripe scholar and who has proved himself a man of rare administrative ability, but, what to our mind is even more important in the circumstances, who is so largely imbued with the missionary spirit and whose efforts in that direction have in the past been so successful. We also congratulate Dr. King in that he has seen his way to make the personal sacrifice which the acceptance of the office must necessarily imply.

Our friends in the East are highly favoured, having with them *Rev. Hugh A. Robertson*, of *Erromanga*, *Rev. John Morton*, our pioneer missionary from *Trinidad*, and the *Rev. Thomas M. Christie*, of the same place.

These gentlemen have been spending their holidays in the visitation of the congregations in the Maritime Provinces and have doubtless been instrumental in greatly increasing and extending the interest of the people in their special work and the cause of missions generally.

PERSONAL.—*Mr. Barclay*, the minister elect of St. Paul's Church, Montreal, was to sail from Glasgow on the 27th ultimo. *Mr. Herridge* of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, proceeds to the old country this month with the intention of remaining six months. We are not aware whether it is his intention to "walk the colleges," or to do the Continent; in either case we wish him a good time and hope he will not come back until he has seen the cave of Macpelah. *Professor Ross, B.D.*, hitherto minister of Lachine, has transferred his residence to Kingston on the University staff of which he now takes his place as professor of Apologetics and New Testament Criticism. He has our best wishes for his success. *Principal Dawson*, of McGill College, Montreal, has gone to Britain on a twelve month's leave of absence. *Dr. Cochrane*, convener of Assembly's Home Mission Committee, has returned to Brantford from an extensive tour in the North-West. We refer our readers to the admirable account he has given of his trip in this number of the *Record*. It is arranged that the fiftieth anniversary of *Rev. Dr. Macleod's* ordination will be celebrated at Sidney, C. B., on the 3rd of October.

ORDINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS.

KEMPTVILLE and OXFORD MILLS: *Brockville*.—*Rev. H. J. McDiarmid*, formerly of East Gloucester, *Ottawa*, was inducted on the 4th of September.

TRENTON: *Kingston*.—*Rev. W. T. Wilkins*, formerly of Belgrave, *Maitland*, was inducted on the 9th of August.

ST. HYACINTHE: *Montreal*.—*Rev. Anthony Couboue* was ordained and inducted on the 7th of August.

TORONTO: *Chalmer's Church*.—*Mr. John Mutch* having accepted a call to this charge his ordination and induction were appointed to take place on the 25th of September.

SOUTH GOWER: *Brockville*.—*Rev. James Pullar*, formerly of Lynedoch, *Hamilton*, was inducted on the 4th of September.

MORRISBURGH and IROQUOIS: *Brockville*.—*Rev. G. D. Bayne* of Wakefield was inducted on the 11th of September.

MEAFORD: *Owen Sound*.—*Rev. J. T. Pat-*