

Our Own Church.

WE direct the attention of the Clerks of Presbyteries, the Conveners of Committees, the Commissioners, and all others whom it may concern, to the official announcement in another column by the Clerks of Assembly. A committee charged with making arrangements for the accommodation of the Assembly in Montreal, was appointed at the last meeting of the Presbytery of Montreal, of which Rev. Professor Scrimger is convener. This committee will communicate with the Commissioners in due course. In the meantime, enquiries in this connection may be addressed to Professor Scrimger, 85 Mackay Street, Montreal. The Presbytery Clerks will see the importance of sending the names of Commissioners to Dr. Reid with as little delay as possible.

Montreal, of course, is looking forward to the approaching meeting of the Supreme Court with special interest. This is the birth-place of the United Church, which will have completed its tenth year on the 15th of June next. What cause have we for devout gratitude to God that in so short a time we are permitted to see the fruits of our union in such rich abundance. Every branch of the Church's work has received an impetus, and in every part of the vast Dominion the influence of Presbyterianism is felt and acknowledged. Not that we would ignore the work of other churches. They, too, like ourselves, are reaping good results from united and harmonious action: we rather rejoice together with them, remembering that in the Church of Christ to which we all belong, "whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it."

There are no burning questions to come before our Assembly so far as we know, but it will be able to give its undivided attention to the consolidation and extension of its work at home and abroad. It has been hinted that the chief officers in more than one department will ask leave of the Assembly to resign their portfolios. It will be for the Assembly to decide whether it can afford to dispense with their services. Of one thing we feel sure, that so long as we are animated by the right spirit, we have

nothing to fear on that score. It is utterly wrong to speak of any man's removal from office in the Church as "an irreparable loss." The work is the Lord's, and it will go on.

One of the most important subjects that will engage the attention of the Assembly will be the proposal to unite the Foreign Mission work of the Church under one Board. From the beginning it has been foreseen that this was merely a matter of time, and the question now is whether the proper time has come to carry it into effect. It is certain that the Assembly will not come to any decision on this question that does not meet with the cordial approval of a large majority in both sections of the Church.

REV. JOSEPH ANNAND, with his wife, has arrived in England on his way home from Aneityum. Mr. Annand has been in the mission field over ten years, without furlough. He and his wife have well earned a season of rest and a visit home. Their voyage from Australia occupied seven weeks and was very pleasant. They passed through the Suez Canal and came round by Gibraltar. Mr. Annand is expected in Nova Scotia this month, and his presence at the General Assembly in Montreal may be counted upon.

OUR OBITUARY COLUMN contains a notice of the death of *Rev. Dr. Robert Sedgwick* of Musquodoboit, Nova Scotia, one of the fathers of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Those of us in the Western Section of the Church who were personally acquainted with Dr. Sedgwick unite very sincerely in the graceful tribute of respect which our eastern friend has paid to his memory. We cherish his memory as a warm personal friend and as a pillar and tower of strength in that branch of the Church where his lot was cast.

PERSONAL.—*Rev. Dr. Laing*, of Dundas, has returned from an extensive tour in Europe and received a hearty welcome home from his congregation. *Rev. Professor Coussirat* and family sailed last month for his native country, "*la belle France*." *Rev. J. B. Logan* and *Mrs. Logan* of Kentville, N. S., have left for Scotland. *Rev. R. H. Warden* and *Rev. James Hally*, both of the Presbytery of Montreal, intend to visit the old country this summer.