

Our Own Church.

WE ARE GETTING UP IN YEARS! THE EIGHTH SESSION of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada meets in the city of St. John, and in St. Andrew's Church there, on Wednesday the 14th inst., at 7.30 p.m. This town is as noted for its hospitality as it is for its high tides and its fogs, its suspension bridge and its wonderful falls. The Rev. Dr. Macrae is convener of the committee on "accommodation," which is a sufficient guarantee that the convenience of the Assembly and the comfort of the commissioners will be well attended to. We have every reason to anticipate a pleasant and profitable meeting. Rev. Dr. Cochrane of Brantford, Rev. Kenneth McLennan of Charlottetown, Principal McKnight of Halifax, and Rev. Dr. J. M. King of Toronto have been respectively nominated by Presbyteries for the Moderatorship. As will be seen from our Acknowledgments, the receipts for the different funds of the Church are considerably larger than in any previous year. Nearly all the schemes are out of debt. The vexed question of the "Temporalities Fund," which has been a matter of litigation for years—although it has not occasioned a moment's dispeace in the United Church—has been virtually settled by the recent action of the Dominion Parliament confirming the provisions of the Act of the Quebec Legislature which were declared to be *ultra vires* by Her Majesty's Privy Council. It is a pity that so much ado was made, and so much money spent, in regard to what is scarcely more than a mere technicality. This experience, however, has done us no harm; indeed, in view of the sympathy which has been everywhere evoked and freely expressed, it may safely be accounted one of the "all things" which work together for the good of the Church.

ORDINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS.

QUEBEC:—Mr. James Allard was ordained and inducted as pastor of the French Presbyterian Church on the 13th of April.

TILSONBURGH AND CULLODEN: *Paris.*—Mr. M. McGregor was ordained and inducted on the 2nd of May.

CORUNNA: *Sarnia.*—Rev. James McKutcheon, for a number of years missionary

at Corunna and Mooretown, was inducted as pastor of these congregations on the 25th of April.

LION'S HEAD : OWEN SOUND:—The Rev. D. D. MacLennan, ordained missionary, was inducted to the pastoral charge of Lion's Head and adjoining stations in the Indian peninsula on the 16th of May.

CALLS:—The Rev. D. M. Gordon of Ottawa has accepted a call to Knox Church, Winnipeg, *Manitoba*. Rev. J. M. Boyd, late of Demorestville, has accepted a call to Beauharnois and Chateauguay, *Montreal*. Rev. John C. Cattenach of Dundee has received a call to Sherbrooke, *Quebec*. Rev. D. L. McCrae of Osnabruck is called to Cobourg, and Rev. Mr. James to Norwood and Hastings, *Peterboro*. The Rev. A. Stirling of Scotsburn, N.S., has accepted a call to Clifton and Granville, P.E.I. Rev. J. Penman, of Carp and Kinburn, has received a call to N. and S. Missouri, *Stratford*.

THE COLLEGES.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, Halifax. The session closed on Thursday, 27th April. The closing services were held in St. Matthew's Church. The attendance of ministers and of the public was unusually large. Dr. Burns presided. Principal Macknight, Dr. Pollock, and Professor Currie gave in the reports of the session's work. Professors and students had enjoyed good health, and a great deal of hard work had been performed. Three students complete their course, Messrs J. M. McKenzie, Robert Nairn, and J. R. Fitzpatrick. Dr. Macknight stated that three others who had taken two years in this college were about completing their third year in other colleges. Rev. A. Burrows and Rev. H. H. McPherson addressed the students and congregation on subjects appropriate to the occasion. Dr. Macknight intimated that the Senate proposed to form new regulations for the library, by means of which a much larger number of new books would be secured and the benefits of the library be more widely diffused—the calendar will shortly be published.—At a meeting of the College Board, measures were adopted for collecting as rapidly as possible the outstanding subscriptions to the endowment Fund. Thirty thousand dollars are still required. The difference between current receipts and expenditure is still about \$2,000 a year. It is hoped that every member of the Church in the Maritime Provinces will make a note of this, and do something to lessen the adverse balance.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE AT KINGSTON.—The ceremonies connected with the closing of the forty-first session extended