

## Our Own Church.

REV. DR. MCGREGOR acknowledges receipt of one hundred pounds sterling from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland through Dr. Wilson, which will be applied in aid of the supplementing of the weaker charges in the Maritime Provinces.

BEQUEST.—Mr. William Cooper, a member of the Presbyterian Church of Picton, in the Presbytery of Kingston, left by his will fifteen hundred and fifty dollars to the Agent of the church "for the various schemes of the Presbyterian Church." The first instalment—one fifth—was paid by the executors of the deceased, and the same has been appropriated as follows:—Home Missions \$62; Foreign Missions \$62; French Evangelization \$62; College Fund \$50; Manitoba College \$12; Widows' and Orphans' Fund \$31; and Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund \$31.—in all \$310.

We invite attention to the statement presented by Mr. Warden in another column explaining the grounds and nature of the appeal made to the congregations of the church in the matter of the augmentation of the stipends of the ministers in the smaller charges. The subject is one which must commend itself at once to all who will give it the consideration which it deserves at their hands. The facts which enquiry in this direction have brought to light shew that our ministers as a class are very poorly paid for their services, and as no one questions the ability of the Presbyterians in Canada, as a whole, to do what is right and proper in the premises, there is every reason to believe that the present effort, so worthily conceived, and which is being followed up so wisely and vigorously, will be carried forward to a successful issue. We are far from thinking that \$750 and a manse is adequate remuneration for a minister of the gospel, but knowing as we do that many a faithful minister has laboured long and usefully, receiving a much smaller amount for the support of himself and his family, we shall be devoutly thankful when it can be said that the sum we have named is the *minimum* stipend of a Presbyterian minister in Canada.

PERSONAL.—MR. JOHN JAMIESON, formerly missionary at Magnetawan, in the Presbytery of Barrie, was on the 18th of October

formally designated and commissioned by the Presbytery as missionary to Formosa, to co-operate with Rev. Dr. G. L. Mackay according to call of the Foreign Mission Committee. Rev. Principal MacVicar and Rev. Dr. Potts of Montreal paid a flying visit to Nashville, Tennessee, last month, to attend the meeting of the committee in charge of the International Sabbath-school Lessons. The committee consists of thirteen members, two of them from England. It is to hold its next meeting in Montreal, on the 21st of February next. It is estimated that the International Lessons are now used by upwards of six millions of scholars. Rev. J. M. Cameron of the East Church, Toronto, takes the place of Rev. Dr. King as convener of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery of Toronto. Rev. D. J. Macdonnell of Toronto, is convener of the committee on the augmentation of stipends. Dr. Jenkins of Montreal will occupy the pulpit of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, during the sitting of the Dominion Legislature. Dr. Wardrope, of Guelph, convener of the Assembly's committee on Foreign Missions, West, is visiting the different Colleges—addressing the students and enlisting their sympathies in the great work of missions to the heathen. His visits are much appreciated. A recent number of the "Prince Albert Times" is almost wholly devoted to the leaving of Rev. James Sieveright, who appears to have made a very favourable impression on the community and who has left a number of durable monuments behind him in the shape of churches and manses, and goodly congregations that meet for worship in new settlements that are rapidly becoming influential centres. The Rev. Dr. Patterson of New Glasgow, N. S., has carried off the prize of one hundred guineas offered for the best essay on "The Heathen World; its need of the Gospel, and the Church's obligation to supply it." *Palmas qui meruit, ferat.*

COMING IN.—We understand that the congregation at Perth, Ont., in connection with the Church of Scotland, has been dissolved and that its members have, for the most part, connected themselves with the other Presbyterian congregations in the town. The congregation of Williams, Ont., formerly under the pastorate of Rev. Lachlan McPherson (resigned) has voted itself into the united Church. We extend a hearty welcome to these friends and sincerely trust they will never see cause to regret their connection with the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

MONTREAL. A movement has been set on foot, under the auspices of the Presbytery, to visit from house to house all the Protestant families in the city, with a view to securing their attendance at some place of worship on the Sabbath-day. A course of lectures on