

Our own Church.

IT IS GOOD to see evidences of increasing interest in Sabbath-school work, in the numerous Presbyterian Conferences and Conventions, of which notice is made in the RECORD from time to time. It will be still better when, as a result of these, we shall hear of the formation of training-classes for teachers throughout the Dominion.

We intend to continue the Notes on the International Lessons, believing that they are found to be useful to teachers in the remoter districts, at all events, who have not access to more elaborate treatises. And, further, we take this opportunity of stating that the brief outlines of the Lessons which we have given in the past have been prepared carefully, and expressly for the RECORD. We would not have thought it necessary to say even this much about the Notes had they not been republished, word for word, in several weekly papers of high standing, without acknowledgment; and some of our friends may very naturally have come to the conclusion that we have been giving them that on which we had bestowed no labour.

REV. DR. REID has received a donation of £100 sterling, from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, in aid of the Home Mission Fund of our Church. Mr. David Morrice, of Montreal, has founded a scholarship of one hundred dollars per annum, in connection with the Presbyterian College in that city.

HOME MISSION FUND RECEIPTS, Western Section. Up to date, there has been received the sum of \$12,485.24 for the current year. Since the meeting of the Home Mission Committee the amount received is \$7071.85. Of the amount received, about \$2500 has been given specially towards the payment of the debt on the Fund. It is desirable that contributions should be forwarded as promptly as possible.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS. The Montreal Anniversary Meetings were held in Erskine Church, on the evenings of the 25th, 26th, and 27th ultimo. We may refer to them more particularly next month. The Home, Foreign,

and College Boards, *Eastern Section*, have agreed jointly to send a respectful request to all the Presbyteries to make early arrangements for holding a missionary meeting in every congregation and station within the bounds, to bring before the people the work of the Church, and interest all in its support and progress.

REV. G. L. MACKAY expects to leave Formosa for Canada, via India and England, some time in January. We may therefore look for him in Canada probably in March or April.

REV. THOMAS M. CHRISTIE, with his family, sailed from Halifax on his return to his mission field, in Trinidad. A farewell meeting was held on the previous Friday, in St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, at which Mr. Christie gave a concise *resumé* of mission work among the Coolies of Trinidad.

REV. GEORGE MURRAY, late of British Columbia, is expected as pastor of St. Andrew's Church, New Glasgow.—Rev. Neil Brodie has been "in these parts" lately. Rev. Mr. Mackay, late of Cairloch, has sailed for the old land with most of his family. Rev. A. J. Mowatt, Windsor, has been ill.—He is called to Fredericton, N.B., a very important position.

REV. DR. JARDINE, of Chatham, N. B., has been giving a course of lectures in Queen's College, Kingston. Rev. A. B. Mackay, of Crescent Street Church, Montreal, is giving a course of lectures on English Literature and Eloquence, in the Montreal Presbyterian College. Principal Dawson, of McGill College, has announced a course of six lectures, on "THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE IN THE LIGHT OF PROPHECY AND HISTORY," in Stanley Street Church, Montreal. The Rev. D. M. Gordon has returned to Ottawa, from the Pacific Coast, via the Rocky Mountains and the Saskatchewan Valley.

VISITORS. The following registered their names at the Presbyterian offices, 200 St. James Street, Montreal, last month. Revds. John Wilkie and James Smith, missionaries *en route* to India. A. Mackenzie, editor of the Celtic Magazine, Inverness, Scotland. Rev. G. C. Haney, *en route* to Edinburgh. Rev. John M. Ross and Mr. W. G. Blackie, of London, England, from Australia, homeward bound. Dr. G. D. Mathews, late of New York, going to Quebec. Rev. H. McQuarrie, of Wingham, Ont. Dr. J. B. Fraser, of Queensville, Ont., on his marriage tour. Rev. Dr. Barclay, of Toronto, returning from Scotland.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, HALIFAX. The session 1879-80 was opened on Wednesday, Nov. 6. Professor Currie delivered the inaugural lecture before a large audience, in Chalmers Church. His subject was the Book