

of the proceedings of Presbyteries and to substitute a corresponding amount of reading matter for the HOME CIRCLE, from the sermons and other writings of some of the leading preachers and writers of our day. We have been led to take this step chiefly because the Presbyteries having now become so numerous, we could not report their proceedings in a manner satisfactory either to them or to ourselves. This will be much better done by local papers, and we think that our readers will be decided gainers by the change in our programme.

We find it necessary, further, to restrict *Obituary notices* to the ministers of the Church. We have no objections to intimate, in a line or two, the demise of a ruling elder, but we have not room to do more. Except in special cases our *Book notices* will be confined to Theological and Missionary publications, and such as have a bearing on Sunday-school work.

We regret that unavoidable delay interfered with the timely despatch of the July RECORD, and that about one third of the number had to be sent, *minus* the Queen's portrait. But we fully expect to send out the balance with this number and, what is more, to have copies to spare for the first thousand new subscribers. First come first served.

Next month we hope to lay before our readers a comprehensive resumé of the committees report to the General Assembly, on Foreign Missions.

#### ORDINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS.

EDMONTON, N.W.T.:—Mr. D. G. McQueen B. A., was ordained June 22nd, and appointed to Edmonton in room of Rev. A. B. Baird, removed to Broadview.

MR. RODERICK MACKAY was ordained by the Presbytery of Regina on 22nd June, with a view to labour in the Rocky Mountains.

LITCHFIELD MISSION, *Lanark & Renfrew*:—Mr. J. E. Duclos was ordained and appointed to this mission on the 28th of June.

SMITH'S FALLS, *Lanark & Renfrew*:—Rev. Thomas Nixon of Stouffville, was inducted on the 14th of July.

NORTH BAY, *Barrie*:—Mr. J. W. Hewitt was ordained as a Missionary on the 6th of July.

WAUBAUSHENE, *Barrie*:—Mr. R. M. Glassford was ordained and inducted on the 28th of June.

DEMISSIONS.—Rev. James Cormack of Lachine, going to British Columbia. Rev. J. W.

Cameron of Thornhill and Richmond Hill, *Toronto*. Rev. James Cleland of Mill Street Church, Port Hope. Rev. R. Fairbairn of Esson and Willis Churches, Oro.

CALLS.—Rev. M. C. Cameron B.D., to Harri-ston, Ont. Rev. Peter Fleming of Laskay, to Thornbury, *Owen Sound*. Mr. James W. Rae, licentiate, to Acton, *Guelph*. Mr. Jacob Steele, licentiate, to Seymour, Ont.—Accepted.

#### NEW CHURCHES.

BIRTLE, *Mamota*:—The new Presbyterian Church at this place, was opened on the 19th of June, Dr. Cochrane preached in the morning and evening, and Mr. Wallace in the afternoon.

RIVERVIEW, Ont.—The new brick church at this place was opened by Rev. Professor MacLaren on the 5th of June. It is almost free of debt.

#### MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Columbia, Vancouver, 7th Sept.

Lanark and Renfrew, Carleton Place, 22nd August, 5 p.m.

Lunenburg and Shelburne, Shelburne, 6th Sept., 2.30 p.m.

Sydney, Falmouth, 2nd Aug., 10 a.m.

Lindsay, Uxbridge, 30th Aug., 10.30 a.m.

Peterboro', St. Andrew's Ch., 13th Sept., 10 a.m.

Ottawa, Bank street Ch., 2nd Aug.

Kingston, St. And. Hall, 19th-Sept., 3 p.m.

St. John, St. John, 6th Sept.

#### Literature.

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE CANADIAN PEOPLE. By George Bryce, M.A., LL.D. Toronto: W. J. Gage & Co. Price \$2.00. In this history of the Canadian people we find a very interesting account of the aboriginal inhabitants, the early explorers and fur-traders, the coming of the Loyalists, and of the bands of immigrants who have done so much to develop the resources of our country. The author being himself a Canadian, and having full knowledge of the country, views Canada from a Dominion standpoint. We cordially commend this new work to the general reader and to our schools and colleges.

SMITH'S BIBLE DICTIONARY. Revised and edited by F. N. and M. A. Peloubet, authors of "Select Notes on the International Lessons." Porter & Coates, Philadelphia. \$2.00. This book is simply invaluable to every Sunday-school teacher. It contains the cream of Dr. Smith's elaborate and costly book, and in some respects it improves on the original. It may be ordered through any bookseller.