

**CARBERRY:** *Manitoba*:—Mr. W. A. Mackenzie was ordained and inducted on the 17th of June.

**BURNSIDE:** *Manitoba*:—Arrangements have been made by the Presbytery for the ordination and induction of Mr. Todd on the 8th instant.

**Calls:** Rev. James Sieveright, late of Prince Albert, to Lachine; declined. Mr. Dougald Currie, to Three Rivers; accepted. Rev. Donald Fraser, of Mount Forest, to Elora. Dr. Murray, of Vale Colliery, N. S., to North Sydney, C. B.

**DEMISSIONS:** Rev. Robert Hume, of St. George, *Paris*. Rev. William Anderson of Mulmur and Rosemont, *Barrie*.

**NEW CHURCHES:** A very handsome new church was opened for public worship at Nine Mile River, N. S., on the 25th of May, Rev. John Cameron assisting the pastor, Rev. J. Layton. It cost \$2,222 and is free from debt. It is expected that the commodious new church at Parrsboro will be completed this summer.

**HOULTON, MAINE:** The first and only Presbyterian Church in the State of Maine was opened for public worship on the 18th of May. Houlton is a section of Rev. Kenneth Mackay's congregation, the chief portions of his charge being in New Brunswick. There are fifteen Presbyterian families in the place. The new church cost \$1,500, a balance of about 700 remains unpaid, Rev. William Ross assisted at the opening services; also Professor Knowlton, Baptist, and Rev. Mr. Howie, Methodist.

**SELF-SUPPORT.**—Our congregations in Canada that are not yet self-supporting should never cease to aim at self-support as an object of just and necessary ambition. Congregations very weak in numbers and in wealth sometimes not only support Gospel ordinances amongst themselves, but contribute liberally to Foreign Missions and other schemes of the Church. It is healthy to do for ourselves and others; it is enfeebling to live contentedly in a state of dependence on others. Of course we know that there are many supplemented congregations that contribute with most exemplary liberality. We wish to stimulate the lagging ones, for their own sake as well as for the sake of the Church at large. It was stated at the recent missionary conference in India that if all foreign support were withdrawn, the Native church would gather together and propagate itself. The churches were exhorted to beware of too much "nursing." What is true abroad is true at home.

## Missionary Cabinet.

HENRY MARTYN.

**THE** "Saintly Martyr" was born at Truro, England, on the 18th of February 1781 and although he died when only 32 years of age his name and his character will long be held in grateful admiration as one of the foremost in the vanguard of the noble army of missionaries. As an example of self abnegation and thorough devotion to the service of his Master, at a time when missions to the heathen were not so popular as now, and when the difficulties to be encountered in the field were infinitely greater, his brief missionary career presents many points worthy of honourable mention and is indeed invested with peculiar interest. As a boy he attended the Grammar-school of his native town. At sixteen years of age he was sent to St. John's College Cambridge, where he soon took a high position and carried off a number of prizes. He acquired there the habit of close application to study and used to be spoken about as "the student who never lost an hour." But beyond this there was nothing in his early University career to call for special notice. He was indifferent in regard to religious matters, and repelled rather than encouraged the kind remonstrances of a pious sister who earnestly desired his conversion. The unexpected death of his father, which took place when he was nineteen, was the first means of opening his heart for the reception of the truth. He began to read and study his Bible as he had never done before and, gradually, the great change came which transformed him into a new man. At this time he was much encouraged and strengthened by the Rev. Charles Simeon, minister of Trinity Church, Cambridge. It was in consequence of a casual remark from this minister that young Martyn resolved to engage in missionary work,—a fine illustration of the proverb,—*"A word spoken in due season how good is it!"* Whatever the remark was, it made him resolve to abandon the profession of law and to become a missionary to the heathen. It required no small effort for him to come to this decision. From a worldly stand point, his prospects