

## News of our Church.

### PRESBYTERIES.

**MONTREAL.**—At the ordinary meeting on 3d. ult. were present the Revs. J. Cameron, *Moderator*, A. Wallace, F. P. Sym, W. Snodgrass, J. Patterson, J. Black, and W. Darrach, *Ministers*; A. Morris, Esq., M. P. P., and J. Green-shields, Esq., *Elders*. The Revs. W. Cochrane and J. Fraser, *Missionaries*, read interesting reports of their labours at Elgin and Griffintown respectively, and were appointed to the same fields till meeting in May. Mr. Morris, for Committee on St. Gabriel street Church property, gave details of a compromise respecting said property; the Presbytery while holding that the Church and Manse were and are the property of the Church of Scotland in Canada, do not feel disposed to take any steps to prevent the compromise being effected. Collections for Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund were reported from St. Andrew's Montreal, Huntingdon, Beauharnois, St. Paul's Montreal, and Hemmingford. Mr. Snodgrass reported, on behalf of the Home Mission Committee, that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed at Laprairie by the Rev. Mr. Darrach on the 31st Jany., with the usual services before and after suited to the occasion. As to a union between Athelstane and Elgin, the Presbytery, having specially considered their minutes bearing thereon, agree to record their hope that the Elgin Station will in the course of Divine Providence become a self-sustaining Congregation, and their desire and determination to do what they can, from time to time, with a view to that end. Session Records were called for, and those of St. Paul's, Montreal, and Chatham were produced and attested as carefully and correctly kept. In reference to a communication from the corresponding Secretary of Queen's College Missionary Association, Mr. Darrach was empowered to engage a Missionary for Laprairie, and Mr. Black, for the Augmentation of Grenville and parts adjacent, if they find the people there willing to give adequate support. There was read a letter from the Rev. Professor Mowat, reminding members of the Synod's collection for the Bursary Scheme on first Sabbath of April next.

**GLENGARY.**—This reverend Court met in St. John's Church, Cornwall, on the 3rd ult., Rev. John Darroch, M. A., Lochiel, *Moderator*. It was announced that the Rev. Colin Grigor, formerly a member of Presbytery, and for some years past a retired clergyman, died at his residence, L'Original, on 9th January, and the Clerk was instructed to make intimation of the same to the Board of Temporalities, and also to that of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans Fund. At the suggestion of Dr. Urquhart, the Clerk and Mr. Mair were appointed a committee to draw up a report on the subject of the Missionary Meetings, recently held under the auspices of the Presbytery, to be submitted to next ordinary meeting. The Presbytery agreed to record their high sense of the services rendered by James Croil, Esq., of Archersfield, at these

Meetings, and through the Moderator, to express to him their deepest gratitude for his able advocacy of the claims of the Presbytery's Mission. The Clerk was instructed to acknowledge receipt of a communication from the Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Association of Queen's University, and to intimate that the Presbytery are prepared to engage one Gaelic and one English speaking Catechist. A petition was read from the Congregation of North Plantagenet, praying the Presbytery to appoint one or more of their number to dispense the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper amongst them, and also to ordain to the Eldership certain individuals named in petition. A Committee, consisting of the Moderator, Messrs Watson and Mair, with Mr. Dingwall, Elder, were appointed to hold a Missionary Meeting in the Church lately erected at the Mission Station, in the Township of Roxboro', on Wednesday, 24th February, and also to visit North Plantagenet for the same purpose on the following day, with the discretionary power of afterwards ordaining Elders, and dispensing the Communion. The following appointments for Divine Service were made—at Alexandria, by Mr. Darroch, on 3rd Sabbath of February; at Winchester, by Mr. Mair, on 1st Sabbath of March; and at Dalhousie Mills, by Mr. Darroch on 2d Sabbath of March, and by Mr. Watson on 4th Sabbath of March.

It was enjoined that all Sessional Records be produced for examination at next ordinary meeting to be held (D. V.) at Cornwall on the first Wednesday of May.

**RENFREW.**—At St. Andrew's Church, Arnprior, 5th Jan, this Presbytery met, Revd. Alexander Mann, *Moderator*. Nine members were present. This is the third meeting of the Court, and though the number of members is small it promises to work well. There is one vacant charge, that of Douglas, within the bounds. Mr. J. K. McMorine, Probationer, now employed in that field, gave an interesting account of his labours. It is a wide field "ripe for the harvest," and it is hoped that the young Missionary may be permanently placed in it. Still further up the Ottawa there is room for expansion, and it is hoped that in a few years several new charges will be added to the Presbytery. With some alterations the Presbytery agreed to sustain the Form of process for the settling of ministers. Section III, clause 1., seemed the most objectionable as unnecessarily retarding Inductions.

### CONGREGATIONS.

**ST. ANDREW'S, MONTREAL.**—From a printed abstract of the receipts and expenditure of the managers of this congregation for 1863, we are pleased to see that its pecuniary affairs are in a prosperous and encouraging state. The total receipts were \$6128.59 and the expenditure amounted to \$5655.30. The ordinary collections realized \$1286.86—the special collections for the Ministers' Widows', the Bursary, and Home Mission Funds brought \$254. During the