

## News of our Church.

### MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.



THE ordinary meeting of the Presbytery of Montreal was held in St. Andrew's Church on the 1st and 2nd of February, when were present the following ministers: A. Mathieson, D.D., J. C. Muir, D.D., F. P. Sym, John McDonald, Alex. Wallace, J. Sieveright, W. Simpson, J. Patterson; also the following Elders, Messrs. Ferguson, Hunter, Campbell, and Henry.

The Rev. Andrew Paton, Assistant in St. Andrew's Church, the Rev. Joshue Fraser, Military Chaplain, Rev. Wm. Cochrane, Missionary, and Rev. Mr. Balmain, licentiate, were invited to sit with the Presbytery.

The meeting commenced with prayer by the Rev. William Darrach, Moderator, after which the clerk, Mr. Patterson, proceeded to read the minutes of the last ordinary and *pro re nata* meetings. The minutes of one of the meetings, at which the admission of the Rev. Mr. Rose, as a probationer, was submitted, were reconsidered in relation to that admission. It was contended that the records of the meeting failed to express the sense of the members of Presbytery present at that meeting on that point. After a lengthened and warm discussion the following amendment was submitted:

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Mathieson, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Wallace, that the minutes be amended so that the record will show that the Rev. Mr. Rose was admitted to be a probationer within the bounds of the Presbytery at the last meeting of the Presbytery; and further, that he be requested to produce at the earliest possible date a Presbyterial certificate, covering the period from 1861 to the time of his arrival in this city.

This amendment was not submitted to a vote of the meeting, but to an expression of opinion of the members present, who had also attended the meeting in question. There were seven present who had been at that meeting, four of whom sustained the opinion expressed in the amendment, and three opposed it. The Moderator, without voting, expressed an opinion favourable to the views of the minority.

The minutes of the *pro renata* meeting of the 5th January were also, after some discussion, approved.

An application was submitted from the Rev. Mr. Smith, Minister of Melbourne, for permission to collect money within the bounds of the Presbytery, in aid of the Eastern Townships mission.

Mr. Brymner, appearing in support of the above application, gave an outline of the progress of the mission in the Eastern Townships, and stated that it was absolutely necessary to obtain assistance in order to render the mission permanent. Five churches were to be built in the spring, the progress of some of

which could not be stopped without great damage. He further stated, that the Synod at the last session in Kingston, had recommended the Eastern Townships mission to the Church at large. The permission required was granted.

#### APPLICATION OF REV. DR. JENKINS.

A petition was presented from the Rev. John Jenkins, D.D., with accompanying documents. The petition set forth the history of the Rev. gentleman during his ministrations, not only in England, but as a missionary in India and in the colonies, for some years. The petition also set forth his conviction that the system of Presbyterianism was in accordance with the teachings of the New Testament, and that he had always entertained a high admiration for the Church of Scotland. The documents attached to the petition consisted of the proceedings of the Third Presbytery of Philadelphia, with reference to his dismissal, at his own request, from the pastorate of Calvary Church in that city; the documentary evidence of his connection with a Presbyterian Church in England, and an address from clergymen in Montreal on the occasion of his departure from this city.

Dr. Muir stated that he was sure any member of the Court might feel proud to be able to produce such excellent testimonials. During the meeting Dr. Mathieson stated that because he had stood up at a former meeting for the laws of the Church, there had been circulated reports to the effect that he and Mr. Simpson were opposed to the admission of Dr. Jenkins. These reports were not correct. He, Dr. Mathieson, entertained a high admiration for Dr. Jenkins, and it would perhaps be found that he and Mr. Simpson were the best friends Dr. Jenkins had in the Synod. He felt convinced that Dr. Jenkins would not wish to enter the Church through any other than the usual channel, and in the ordinary way. The Presbytery recorded their very high satisfaction with the documents laid on the table by Dr. Jenkins.

After much discussion, in which the power of the Presbytery to receive ministers of other bodies as missionaries within the bounds, was argued, the matter was settled by the following motion:—

Moved by the Rev. Mr. Sym, seconded by Rev. Mr. Wallace, that the application of Dr. Jenkins to be received as a missionary be referred to a Committee of the Presbytery, who shall report thereon to the next meeting of the Presbytery, previous to submitting the same to the next meeting of Synod; and that the Committee be composed of the Revs. Dr. Muir, Mr. Darrach, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Sym, Ministers, and Messrs. Hunter, Ferguson, Henry, Elders. Carried.

An application of the same nature from the Rev. J. A. Devine, late of the Central Presbytery, Philadelphia, to the same effect, was referred to the same Committee.

A memorial or petition signed by eight members of St. Paul's Church, complaining of the