

tendance, every available space being occupied. Addresses were delivered, and the Choir, under the leadership of Mr. Pow, discoursed excellent music. The outlay connected with this undertaking was stated to be about \$4,500.

The Presbytery of Montreal, through its Home Mission Committee, takes the oversight of the outlying stations. Among these are Beaubarnois and Chateauguay, Laprairie and St. Lambert, and the settlements north of the Ottawa river, known as the augmentation of Grenville. At Point Fortune, a branch of the Chatham and Grenville Congregation, a substantial stone Church, seated for three hundred, was opened the other day by Dr. Jenkins and Mr. Campbell of Montreal, who had very large audiences on the occasion. The people of Russelton have finished the repairing of their church at an expense of over \$700. The funds, with the exception of a few dollars for *extras*, having been raised by the unaided efforts of the Congregation. The old church looks "as good as new," and, to crown all, it has lately been presented with a bell weighing 450 pounds and costing \$275—the gift of a young man who left this quarter a few years ago to settle in the United States, who succeeded in business, and has taken this method of testifying his continued interest in those with whom in boyhood he worshipped. His name is James H. McDowell.

From the *Queen's College Journal* we learn that three of Queen's divinity students, Messrs. R. J. Craig, M. McGillivray, and J. L. Stuart, have gone for the winter to Old Scotia, with the intention of prosecuting their Theological studies at the University of Edinburgh.

Recent letters from Professor Mackerras give encouraging accounts of his health. By this time he will have established himself in his winter quarters at Mentone in France, beautifully situated on the Mediterranean. On the approach of spring the Professor will move south, towards Rome, where he will have a fine opportunity of turning to the best account his classical lore, and of having his enthusiasm rekindled at the fountain head.

## Scotland.

THE Rev. George J. Caie, formerly of St. Stephen's, St. John, has been appointed Colleague to the Rev. Wm. Stevenson of Arbroath Parish Church. In this populous Parish and large Congregation, Mr. Caie will have ample scope for the exercise of those talents which wrought such good results in his former sphere of labour.

THE abatement of Patronage has already begun to produce good results. The Established Church is now able to hold out inducements and terms towards Union on an honorable basis to those Churches which, mainly through "Lay Patronage," went out from her. In the Presbytery of Perth, an interesting discussion on the subject came up, which resulted in the following resolution:—"That the removal of Lay Patronage renders it incumbent on the Church of Scotland to seek, by all proper means, the healing of the unhappy divisions which have been occasioned, in whole or in part, by the operation of the law of Patronage now repealed."

The Rev. Dr. Nisbet of West St. Giles', Edinburgh, is dead. He was a faithful and influential clergyman of the Church, and his loss will be widely felt and deeply regretted. His death, we fear, will be seriously felt in the Home Mission work, to which he devoted himself with zeal and success. The Edinburgh Presbytery adjourned its regular monthly meeting, out of respect to the deceased.

MR. MATHIESON of Buccleugh Church, Edinburgh, is again figuring before the Church Courts in his old role. We should fancy that the experience of a former Assembly would have taught a lesson in the proper quarter, but we fear it has not.

IN THE PRESBYTERY OF GLASGOW, the Rev. Mr. Hutchison, a minister of the English Congregational Church in England, made application for admission to the Church of Scotland, having "on practical and other grounds, been led, under the Providence of God, to abandon the system of Congregationalism." The application was, like all other similar ones, referred to a Com