

a call from the congregation in the township of King, within the bounds of the Presbytery of Toronto, was released on the application of that Presbytery from his Missionary engagements.

The next ordinary Meeting will be held at Hamilton on the second Wednesday of July.

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THE COMMISSION OF SYNOD met on the 12th inst. in the City of Toronto, on the call of the Moderator; present, the Rev. Wm. Rintoul, Moderator, the Rev. Robert McGill of Niagara, the Rev. Wm. T. Leach of Toronto, the Rev. John M. Roger of Peterborough, John Mowat, Esq. of Kingston, and Edward Thomson, Esq. of Toronto, Elders. The special business transacted referred, first, to the distribution of two hundred pounds sterling, granted by the General Assembly's Committee on Colonial Churches, and the Glasgow Colonial Society, to assist those congregations whose Ministers do not receive any Government allowance. There are many small congregations unable to maintain their Minister. When they called him from his native country to labour among them, they entertained the hope that some considerable aid would be obtained from Government towards his support. This hope in no case has been realized in the due degree; in many cases not at all; and the consequent embarrassment both to Ministers and congregations has been great. The Commission granted small donations, from this sum entrusted to their disposal, to such places as seemed most necessitous. This relief is the more to be esteemed, as it is another token of

the increasing regard of the parent Church towards its Colonial branch. We trust the time will soon come when the resources appropriated for the support of religion in this Province will be available, and when we shall not need to draw upon the Christian liberality of the mother country, on which the demands are already so numerous.—The other subject which engaged the Commission was the election of a clerical delegate to represent to the parent Church the peculiar circumstances of the Presbyterian body in this Province. The Rev. John Machar, of Kingston, was chosen for this business. In the event of his acceptance, he is instructed, in reference to the main object of his mission, to regulate his conduct by the resolutions passed by the Synod of 1838; and farther, to use his utmost endeavours to obtain an adequate number of Missionaries and Probationers, to supply the spiritual destitution of the Presbyterian community; to forward the views of the Synod in obtaining such a modification of the Declaratory Enactment as may be adapted to the present and prospective circumstances of the church; to crave the influence and support of the General Assembly towards the establishment of a Theological College in this Province for educating young men for the Ministry; and also the sanction of the Assembly for the admission of Ministers and Probationers from the Synod of Ulster into the Synod of Canada. Mr. Machar will avail himself of the assistance of the Rev. Alexander Mathieson, of Montreal, and of any other Minister who may be in Scotland; and he will also co-operate with the lay agent chosen by the convention of Delegates from Presbyterian congregations, that met at Cobourg on the 14th inst.

ERRATA.—In the second column of page 37, line 7, for *rules* read *rulers*. The quotation from Doctor Paley, page 38, should have been acknowledged at the bottom of the page.