

son; John Strange, Esq. of Quebec, R. H. Norval, Esq. of Beauharnois, and Hugh Brodie, Esq. of Montreal, Elders. The libel against Mr McAulay was again read, together with all former minutes, letters, and necessary papers on this case. Mr. McAulay was heard in defence, after which the Presbytery proceeded to judgment on the charges brought against him in the libel. When the following judgment and decision was come to.—The Presbytery having taken into consideration the confession and acknowledgments of Mr McAulay, were unanimously of opinion, that he is guilty of prevarication, wilful falsehood, and fraud, and deem it unnecessary to proceed to the probation of the libel. It was moved and agreed to, without vote, That the said Mr McAulay be forthwith deposed from the office of the Holy Ministry, according to the laws of the church of Scotland, and usages in such cases; and that the Presbytery enjoin, that this sentence be read by every minister within the bounds, from the pulpit, after divine service, on the first Lord's day after notice received. Against this judgment Mr McAulay protested and appealed to the next meeting of Synod, and craved extracts. The Presbytery appointed The Rev. John Cook, The Rev James C. Muir, and John Strang, Esq. Elder, to defend their judgment at the Synod.

The discussion of this important case occupied the attention of the Presbytery till 11 o'clock in the evening

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#### THE PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

An ordinary meeting of this Presbytery was held at Hamilton on the 12th ult. After disposing of routine business, the Presbytery received Mr Gale's report of his missionary visit to the settlements on the lower part of the Grand River. Mr. Gale stated that in obedience to the injunction of Presbytery, he had visited these settlements in the second week of June,

that he preached on Sabbath, the 11th, in the morning at York, to a considerable congregation; in the afternoon, at Cayuga, where only a small number attended, in consequence of an unfavourable change in the state of the weather; that he also preached on the Monday evening at Caledonia, to a congregation of 60 or 70 persons. Mr. Gale further stated that on all these occasions, he had explained the views of the Presbytery in regard to the formation of missionary associations, urging their adoption on the people, and that from the cordial reception these views met with both in public and private, and from the earnest desires which many of them with whom he conversed manifested to obtain the regular ministration of gospel ordinances, he entertains a good hope that a decided effort will soon be made by them. From Mr. Gale's representation it appeared that the settlements have made rapid advances during the last two years, in population and in general prosperity, the improvements on the navigation of the river having been almost completed, and several neat and thriving villages having sprung up within that period. Spiritual improvement however seems to lag sadly behind. On the whole line of settlement from Caledonia to the mouth of the river, which is about 30 miles in extent, it does not appear that there is any regular minister or stated services on the Sabbath, nor are any of the villages yet graced with a church. These wants cast a dreary shade over the scene, to the Christian's eye, notwithstanding its peculiar natural beauties, and the many indications of temporal prosperity which it exhibits. The Presbytery appointed Messrs. Stark, Gale, and McIntosh to preach in these settlements, at such times as they may find it convenient, before the meeting of the Presbytery in October; the two first on week days, the latter on a Sabbath.

The Presbytery also appointed Mr Gardiner, of Fergus, to preach at Woolwich on the first Sabbath of August.