

The Magazine will be published on the 15th of every month, and it is requested that all literary contributions be forwarded ten days previously.

The Canadian Presbyterian Magazine.

TORONTO, MAY, 1852.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.—The next number concludes the second volume of the Magazine, and subscribers in arrears are particularly requested to forward the sums due, that payments may then be acknowledged, and the Magazine year end without outstanding debts. We have been very much indebted to ministers and others for their attention to the pecuniary interests of the Magazine hitherto, as well as for extending its circulation, and we shall esteem it a kindness if, in their several localities, they take charge of subscriptions paid to them, and also, try to increase the number of readers for the commencement of another year.

The Synod of the U. P. Church in Canada will meet in Toronto on Wednesday, the 15th day of June. The opening sermon will be preached by the Moderator, Rev. Dr. Farrier, Caledonia, at seven o'clock evening.

MEETING OF THE MISSION COMMITTEE.—The members of the Mission Committee, are respectfully informed that the next meeting will be held, (D.V.) in the vestry of the United Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on Tuesday, 14th June next, at six o'clock in the evening. A full attendance is expected.

It is requested that Congregations in receipt of Supplement from the Mission Fund, have their applications—duly certified and transmitted by the Presbyteries within whose bounds they are situated—lodged with the Convener, in time to be submitted at that meeting.

It is further requested that Preachers send in a statement of their claims—in conformity with the law of Synod—and that they furnish an account of their labours, and of the moneys they have received during the period embraced in their application.

Those Clerks of Presbyteries, who have not complied with the Synodical injunction to furnish the Committee with a Statistical Report of their Congregations, are desired to do so with as little delay as possible.

ROBERT TORRANCE,
Can. Mis. Com.

CALL.—On the 21st April the Rev. D. McCurdy moderated in a call in the congregations of Ernestown and Fredericksburgh, to Mr. John Scott, preacher. The call was unanimous. Mr. Scott has been laboring in that region, for some months, most assiduously—under the blessing of God he has revived a weary heritage—and the estimate of the value of his labors is seen in the unanimous desire of the people to have him as their stated pastor. We trust Mr. Scott will accept of the call, and be long spared abundantly to water where he has been so successful in planting.

OUR CHURCH.—While we have from time to time announced arrivals and licensures of preachers, thus adding to our ministerial staff, we are sorry this month to intunate the loss of some. The Rev. Daniel McCurdy of Amherst Island, has demitted his charge, and gone to New Brunswick. The cause assigned is the state of Mrs. McCurdy's health. The Rev. Mr. Orniston of Clarke, has demitted his charge, to become second master in the Normal School. The Rev. Mr. McKenzie of McKillop, has demitted his charge, and returned to Nova Scotia. Mr. McKenzie has long been in bad health, and found it, at last, absolutely necessary to give up ministerial duty.

TORONTO PRESBYTERY.

The U. P. Presbytery of Toronto met on Tuesday the 3rd of May. All the Ministers in the bounds were present, and two Elders. Reports were given in from deputies appointed to visit the congregations of Toronto Township and Brampton, and Caledon, as regards the state of those congregations, and their claims to be aided by the Mission Fund.

Rev. Mr. Pringle, who had been appointed to meet with the petitioners for a second congregation in Toronto, gave in his report. After full

hearing of parties, a motion was carried, that the application be refused. The commissioners for petitioners protested, and appealed to the Synod.

Messrs. Lees and Potheringham, students, were examined on Exercises in Greek and Hebrew, which had been prescribed. Mr. Lees read an Essay on the Divinity and Personality of the Holy Spirit, and Mr. Potheringham read one on the Inspiration of the Scriptures, both of which were highly approved.

FLAMBORO' PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Flamboro' met at Hamilton, 13th April, and was constituted by Mr. Drummond, Moderator.

Mr. Dunbar accepted a call addressed to him from Glen Morris. He then delivered the following discourses as trials for ordination. Popular sermon, Romans viii. 32. Lecture, Psalm cxxx. Exercise and Additions, Rom viii. 3. The Presbytery sustained, and highly approved of these discourses, and appointed Mr. Dunbar's ordination to take place at Glen Morris, on Wednesday, the 18th May, at 11 o'clock, A.M. Dr. Farrier to preach, and Mr. Forteous to ordain, and thereafter to address the minister and congregation.

Mr. Gilbert Tweedie, preacher, requested a month, during which he might consider whether it was his duty to accept a call from St. George.

Mr. Dens declined the call from Mount Pleasant, whereupon the Presbytery set said call aside.

A petition was read from Mount Pleasant, praying the Presbytery to appoint one of their number to moderate in a call for a pastor to break among them the broad of life; which petition the Presbytery granted.—And appointed Mr. Drummond to preach and preside in the moderation of a call, on Thursday, the 18th April, at 11 o'clock, A.M.

A petition was read from part of St. Catharines congregation, residing in and around Thorold, praying the Presbytery to form them into a separate and distinct congregation; and to grant them the usual supply of preachers. Mr. McClure supported the petition. After mature deliberation, its prayer was unanimously granted.

After transacting other business of no general interest to the public, the Presbytery adjourned to meet at Glen Morris, the 18th day of May, at 11 o'clock, forenoon.

REV. MR. EASON.—This reverend gentleman died in this city on the forenoon of Wednesday, May 12th, after a considerable period of complete prostration of bodily strength, in the 61st year of his age. He could scarcely be said to have had disease, as he was unconscious of any pain—only debility—and his medical attendants could discover no sure symptoms by which they could determine the character of his ailment. Until the evening before he died, he did not think his sickness was unto death; but with his buoyancy of spirit, and always active mind, was contemplating courses of study, and plans of usefulness which he would undertake when the warm breath of spring should recruit him for exertion. He was many years minister of St. Gabriel Street Church, Montreal—came out at the Disruption with the Free Church—was appointed Professor of Moral Philosophy, in Knox's College, Toronto,—and in that office, as well as teaching classics, was unwearied in promoting the interests of that Institution. Had he lived, we believe, he would have been appointed to a Chair in University College. He was well known as the representative of liberal views in the Free Church, and which, of late years, he uncompromisingly declared, and advocated, in the parlour and the press. He was a first-rate classical scholar—as a lecturer on Philosophy he abounded in knowledge and fire; but with a mind too free to be restrained by the severe rules of logic, his lectures, we presume, would be rather discursive, though, no doubt, full of thought, and sparkling with the beauties of a fine imagination warmed by a noble heart. A great man has fallen in the Free Church Israel; and most cordially do we unite with them in deploring his loss, and in paying our tribute of worth to the memory of one we highly esteemed for his great intellect and his great heart, and because all were consecrated on the altar of devotion to the service and glory of God. His end was peace—full of faith—full of hope. His friend, Dr. Willis, was by him, at his latest moment, and joined with his near and dear relatives in commending the departing spirit to the Saviour.