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#### MADAGASCAR.

The tidings from this island are encouraging in the highest degree. Mr

Mr Ellis's reception was most cordial. There is a great demand for Bibles. The Roman Catholic Mission, though under the auspices of the French Government, makes no impression on the people. King Badama reads the scriptures under Mr. Ellis's direction. Six additional missionaries are on the ground long ere now; and Bibles also are on the way if the first supplies have not actually arrived.

## NEWS OF THE CHURCH.

### PRESBYTERY OF P. E. ISLAND.

This Presbytery met on Tuesday last in Queen Square Church, of this City. There were present the Rev Messrs Murray, Munro, Crawford, Sutherland, Fraser, McNeill, Laird, Ross, and Frame; and Messrs Henderson, McMillan, Mutch, Gillis, and Aitken, elders.

Mr John Baristo, student, was examined, and a certificate testifying to his fitness for entering the Theological Hall ordered to be given.

Rev Mr McNeill reported from the West River congregation that the people were unanimous in their desire to retain Mr Ross (Mr Ross had demitted his charge at last meeting of Presbytery) as their Minister—that they promised to pay all arrears this fall, and that upwards of £23 9s. additional, were subscribed for his support. Rev Mr Munro reported from the Brookfield section of the congregation, that the people there were much attached to Mr Ross, and set great value upon his services—that all arrears are to be paid this fall, and that the sum of £16 11s were subscribed in addition to the salary previously promised. The report of the deputation was received, and there diligence approved. The deputies from the congregation were invited to address the Court. Mr Holm, M. P. P., spoke in their behalf, testifying to the peoples' strong attachment to Mr Ross, the extent and importance of his charge, and that his removal would be a serious loss. Considering the efforts of the people, the fact that now £160 per annum are promised, in circumstances to afford

hope that the promises may be fulfilled, the Presbytery resolved to request Mr Ross to withdraw his demission, and to devote as much time as possible to the new station at Bonshaw.

The request for Moderation in a Call from Richmond Bay West, was granted Mr Fraser to give intimation to the congregation on the 1st November, and Mr Frame to moderate in the Call on the 12th of that month. The request from Murray Harbor congregation for moderation in a Call, was also granted. Mr McNeil was appointed to give intimation to the South Side Section of the congregation, and Mr Aitken, the representative elder, to the North Side on the 2nd of November. Mr Munro was appointed to moderate in the Call, on the 13th of that month. It was agreed to recommend the congregation at Murray Harbor to the favorable consideration of the Home Mission Board in the view of securing the grant of a small sum for a few years. The Pastoral Address was then taken up, and after a very full discussion, it was moved and seconded, that the Address be published as now prepared and that the thanks of the Presbytery be given to the committee for their diligence in the matter. Messrs Laird and Frame were appointed to go to Bedeque, with a view to induce the people to raise Mr Patterson's Stipend. Mr Sinclair was appointed to St Peter's and Mr McGillivray to New London North. Presbytery to meet on the last Wednesday of November.—*Cm to Protestant*.