

and for the faithful instruction and training which they have received in its great doctrines and precepts.

MADAGASCAR.

The French Press of the Island of Bourbon loudly asserts the right of France to the political dominion of Madagascar. A large body of Romish missionaries is expected to go there. In the meantime Mr. Ellis, of the London Missionary Society, is on his way to make another visit to the island, and that Society is about sending a band of not less than six missionaries.

A letter has recently been received by

the London Missionary Society for some of the most devoted Christian pastors and other native brethren in Madagascar, addressed to Mr. Ellis, in which they say:—

"We tell you, our beloved friend, that whosoever of our brethren and sisters that wish to come up to Antananarivo, there is no obstacle in the way—all is free, for Radama II. said to us:— 'Write to our friends in London, and say that Radama II. reigns, and say that whosoever wishes to come up can come.' And bring all the Bibles and Tracts with you, for we long to see your face, if it be the will of God."

OUR CHURCH NEWS.

THE PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU met at New Glasgow on the 22nd Jany., for prayer and conference on the subject of revivals. The exercises consisted of addresses by members of Presbytery, alternating with prayer for special objects named such as, for the outpouring of the Spirit upon the office-bearers of the Church, for the outpouring of the Spirit upon the Literary and Theological Institutions of the Church, for his outpouring upon the members of the Church, for his influence to accompany the means of grace, &c.

A Committee was appointed to mature a plan for carrying out the object of Mr. Sutherland's resolutions, on the subject of revivals submitted at last meeting.

The Presbytery of Pictou met for Presbyterial Visitation at Barney's River on the 12th inst. The questions of the formula were put to the various office-bearers, which elicited in general satisfactory replies. The pastor of the congregation has been abundant in labours, and his labours have evidently been blessed by the Great Head of the Church. But it was also clearly elicited that he occupies a sphere far too extensive for any one man, and already his labours are beginning to tell upon his physical frame. In the spiritual machinery at work in the congregation, the prayer meetings, sabbath schools, libraries, the efficient eldership, &c., the Presbytery found much that was gratifying. While the financial affairs of the congregation exhibited some features in regard to which the Presbytery suggested improvements yet, considering all circumstances, they saw here pleasing signs of progress.

The Rev. W. S. Darragh reported that he had moderated in a call in the congregation of Goshen, which had come out unanimously in favour of Rev. Adam McKay. A letter was read from the Rev. A. D. McDonald, Clerk of the Presbytery of Huron, C. W., transmitting a call from the congregation of Culross in said Presbytery to the Rev. Adam McKay, with a bond of \$600 of annual stipend.—The Clerk was instructed to intimate to Mr. McKay both these calls and to summon him to attend the next meeting of Presbytery should he return before that time, to give his decision regarding these calls.

The Rev. John McKinnon reported that he had visited Wine Harbour and preached a Sabbath there—that he had obtained a site for the erection of a place worship—that a contract had been given out for the erection of a rough building, which would answer for holding public service in the meantime, and that the whole cost of it had been subscribed by the people there—that many there were desirous of a supply of preaching from our Church, and that most if not all the expense would be defrayed by the people. Mr. McKinnon's conduct was highly approved by the Presbytery, and the general feeling of the Presbytery was that as