

Presbytery, shall, if the Presbytery be favourably disposed towards it, be referred to the Synod for its judgment, and that the Synod adopt such rules as to its wisdom may seem meet, for settling the form of procedure by Presbyteries in such cases.

Referring to the existing law of Synod, for the reception of Ministers and Proctors of other denominations, on pages 161 and 162 of the printed minutes, it was agreed,

That the 2nd resolution on page 162 of printed Minutes be rescinded, and that the following be substituted, namely,—That the Presbytery to whom they apply may receive them on trial till the next meeting of Synod, and that their final admission shall in all cases be a Synodical act.

The thanks of the Synod were given to the Minister and other Office-bearers, and Congregation of Toronto, for the comfortable accommodation furnished by them for this meeting.

Delayed all other causes.

The Moderator then addressed the Synod.

After engaging in praise, by singing Psalm cxxvii. 13—16, the Moderator announced that the next meeting would be held in the city of Hamilton, on the first Tuesday of June, 1854, at seven o'clock, p. m., and closed the meeting with the Apostolic benediction.

THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.—A recent census of the Sandwich Islands exhibits some marvellous facts. The present population of the seven islands forming the group is 83,411. The deaths during last year were 7942, while the births were only 1478—an average of six deaths to one birth. The foreigner number only 1787. This is an extraordinary state of things, and we doubt whether its parallel can be found in the history of the world. In the time of Cook, this people numbered 400,000; three in seventy years they have decreased 320,000. In 1826 they numbered 306,379—decrease in seventeen years nearly 95,000. At this rate of decrease, another generation will blot this people from the face of the earth.

GREENLAND.—Moravian.—There is abundant evidence that the gospel has not been preached in vain to the Esquimaux of Greenland. Many of those who have professed the name of Christ, are distinguished for their constant walk, and many have exhibited a cheerful faith in the hour of death; the value which they place on the Bible, "is such as might put to shame the more enlightened Christian world." At Ilichmoo, the largest settlement, 237 communicants came together in July, at the Lord's Supper.

LABRADOR.—Moravian.—During a severe dearth, owing to the entire failure of the seal hunt, there was no falling off in the attendance on religious services at Hopedale; many, on the contrary, showed themselves anxious to derive strength and comfort from hearing the word of God. Three adults were baptized in the winter, an event which had not occurred before for fourteen years. A solemn religious service was held at Mela the first of August last, in commemoration of the arrival of the first missionaries at Nisbet's Harbor, one hundred years ago. One of the laymen stated that the thermometer had not fallen lower than 24° below zero; the spring too had been cold and rude, so that their gardens were backward; yet so fair and genial weather had now (August 23) set in, they were hoping for a tolerable return. Of 412 persons under the care of the mission at O'ikat, 176 are communicants.

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Several communications and Reviews are, unavoidably, delayed insertion in this number.

The Presbytery of Toronto meets on the Tuesday after the first Sabbath of August, at two o'clock, p. m.

The Treasurer's accounts came too late; will be published next number.

FLAMBORO' PRESBYTERY.

This Presbytery met at Toronto, at 2 o'clock, p. m., on the 15th of June. Mr. William Christie reported that he had preached and presided in the moderation of a call at Thorold, which turned out unanimously in favor of Mr. William Deas, preacher. It was signed by 20 members, and 41 adherents. This call was sustained, and concurred in by the Presbytery.

Read a petition from Danville, signed by 25 persons, requesting to be formed into a station in connection with the U. P. Church, promising to pay six dollars for the services of each Sabbath. The prayer of this petition was unanimously granted.

Read a petition, for transmission to the Synod, praying that the congregations of Hamford, Bramford, Glen Morris, Mount Pleasant, Norwich, and Paris, be disjoined from the Flamboro' Presbytery, and to be formed into a new one. Agreed to transmit said petition.

Mr. Rodgers gave in a report of his missionary labors during the past year, which was highly approved of. JOHN HORN, Sec. Clerk.

THE MAGAZINE.—The present number begins the third year, and third volume of the Magazine. The very cordial support which has been extended to it, and the almost universal satisfaction which has been expressed regarding the way it has been conducted, and the assistance given by valuable writers for its pages, deserve an expression of gratitude, which is heartily given. The past must be taken as the best security for the future plan on which it is to be rendered interesting and useful. No doubt, some differ as to the nature of what should constitute its contents. Some would have politics introduced, and some would not; some would have this, and others that, out or in; and some would have it just as it is. No doubt, some think they could do far better themselves, and on that we express no opinion; but as we cannot please all, and do not attempt it, the purpose is, that the Magazine continue in its general Missionary, Editorial, Literary and Miscellaneous features as before; being well secured that it will thus most efficiently do its part for the Church, and secure the confidence of the membership and all its readers. It is hoped, then, not only that subscribers will continue, but that additional energy will be exerted to increase its circulation. Especially is the aid of ministers asked; that they bring it before their congregations, and request new subscribers; for to brethren, in no small degree, must its future extension be indebted. Already it has been the means of increasing the number of our stations, and of greatly adding to the interest in the Church, taken by the members; and a continued and well sustained effort will certainly be productive of more good.

To Denominational and Religious papers with which the Magazine is exchanged, we send fraternal greeting, and acknowledge, with no small measure of thanks, the place which our periodical occupies in their estimation, and also for many valuable articles extracted from their pages.

THE SYNOD.

In other pages will be found an abstract of the Minutes of Synod, as largely as our limits will allow, and containing all, we think, of any interest to our readers. The different adjournments are not marked, but this we esteem of little importance, as it is what was done, and not when it was done, that will be cared for. In two cases before the Court, we have altered the succession of minutes, bringing all that was done in these cases into continuous order, so that the facts may be clearly seen; but with the exception of mere transposition no change has been made.

In one case brought before the Synod, and which has caused no small commotion, viz.: The Session of Toronto versus G. P. Ure, as it appears in the minutes, is so far incomprehensible that the grounds of it do not appear, and therefore we shall give a brief synopsis of the leading facts.

In March, 1852, Mr. G. Ure was elected by Toronto congregation to the eldership. When he appeared before a Committee of Session to be examined, according to the law of the Church, on his views of doctrine, &c., it was found that he held peculiar views on the nature and design of the atonement of Christ—such as—the atonement of Christ was only a grand moral means for satisfying divine justice; that Christ, in dying, had no special love to his own people; that his special object was only the speciality of the exhibition of the moral means;—that when Christ said on the cross, "it is finished," that all his work was then done—that he did no more, and does no more, and that only by the subsequent intercession and operations of the Holy Spirit is the special purpose of God for his people exhibited, &c. The errors in doctrine formed the firm ground of objection by the Session.

On various grounds he held that he ought not to attend both services of public worship—but at last said that, if the Session would ordain him an elder, he would attend church for the sake of example! His views on church attendance formed the second ground of objection.—The Session refused to ordain him an elder. He carried his protest and appeal to the Presbytery, where it was dismissed—and next to the Synod, held last year, when the following was the decision:—