

quate supply of ministerial labourers. For the last year, however, we have not had much complaint to make in this respect, as, together with some accessions from the mother country, and the licensure of several of our own students, we have enjoyed a disposable force greater than at any former period.

Our Theological Institute is now under the able superintendence of Professor Dr. John Taylor, who joined us from Scotland in the beginning of last summer. The Session was opened on the 3rd of August last, with ten students. This may appear a very small number, but we regard it as a favourable commencement, and we anticipate that this school of the prophets shall, by the blessing of God, prove an efficient agency, in training up young men of talent and piety, to occupy, as the menagers of truth, the waste places of our Zion.

Though we have put off to near the conclusion of this letter the mention of your Mission in the Southern Pacific, it is not because we had any intention to evade the subject or to withhold an explicit reply. On the contrary, we feel deeply interested in your exertions in those distant "dark places of the earth," and desire to express our best wishes for the great success of your mission in changing the "habitations of cruelty," into the abodes of peace and love. We cannot but greatly admire the spirit which dictated to you, under all the hindrances and objections which might have been urged, the undertaking of this arduous work. To you belongs the great honour of being the first of Colonial Churches to send the Gospel to the "regions beyond you," and fairly to assail idolatry in its strong holds. We are from time to time kept advised through the columns of the *Canadian Presbyterian Magazine* of the state and progress of your mission, and are rejoiced to see that notwithstanding all the drawbacks of which you have had to complain, the results have been such as to give you ample ground "to thank God and take courage." When we think of the twenty years of "hope deferred" of the devoted Moffat, in South Africa, and of the long weary waiting, in many other cases, by which the faith and patience of the missionary have been tried, that within comparatively so short a period, a Christian church has been formed among the least promising races of the Southern Ocean, is certainly a fact of the most cheering description. "It is not by might nor by power but by my Spirit, saith the Lord." We trust the work under your direction, may go on and flourish, and that your exertions may be greatly honoured, in aiding the accomplishment of prophecy: "He will furnish all the gods of the earth; and men shall worship him, every one from his place, even all the isles of the heathen."

We thank you for the invitation to join with you in this undertaking. It would give us much pleasure, were it in our power, at once to comply with your request. We are pleased to see that a few of our congregations contributed to your funds, and would be glad were those contributions increased. While, however, we are ourselves, yet, to so very considerable an extent, dependent on the parent Church for the supply of ministerial labour, and the pecuniary support of our mission here, it did not seem to us, to be either dutiful or in good taste, that we should give the sanction of Synodical recommendation to the raising of funds, which would be expended out of this country, and aside from the direct control of the United Presbyterian Church. When you look at the accounts of the Treasurer of the Home Synod, under the head—Canada—we think you will see good cause why, while still in our infancy, we should in the meantime, most respectfully decline entering upon a new field; and we trust that our financial necessities will save us in your estimation from the application of the Apostolic test—"depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled." You have our best wishes. We shall be glad to see the interest felt in your operations extended among our people; and it would afford us great satisfaction could we anticipate, at an early day, to stand side by side with you in the highly honourable position which you have taken, and which we trust you will be able to maintain.

And now, dear brethren, we must, for the present, bid you farewell. May you, and we, and all who love the name of the Lord Jesus, be more and more inspired with the Spirit of the true Mission of the Church, to "preach the Gospel to every creature." May every "stumbling block be taken up out of the way." May the "crooked be made straight and rough places plain;" and may the prayers and the labours of the people of God, never be relaxed until the arrival of those happy prophetic days, when "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea;" and when "every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father."

Signed, in the name and on behalf of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada,

WILLIAM FRASER,
JAMES DICK,
JOHN JENNINGS,
R. H. THORNTON, } *Corres. Committee.*

THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.—The whole number of Free-schools taught by natives in the Hawaiian language in 1853 was 449, with 13,948 scholars. There were 334 Protestant schools, with 11,744 scholars, and 99 Roman-catholic schools, with 2,174 scholars. The estimated cost of education on the island in 1852 was \$34,000. There were in 1852, 1,493 marriages, 1,850 births, and 2,922 deaths. During the last nine months of 1852, 24,940 letters post through the Honolulu post-office for the United States and other foreign countries, and 16,200 for the island, being 10,039 more than during the corresponding period of 1851.

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

All orders, payments, and communications to the Editor, to be sent (Post-paid) to the Rev. JOHN JENNINGS, Toronto.

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CALL.—Rev. Robert Bulgers of Bradford, has accepted a call addressed to him by the congregation of Norwich and Tilkenburgh. His induction is to take place on the 19th of October.

ATTACK AND DEFENCE.

To the Editor of the Canadian Presbyterian Magazine.

The Presbytery of Durham, of the U. P. Church, at their meeting at Newton, in Clarke, 31st of August last, passed unanimously the following resolutions:—

I. That, whereas an editorial article appeared in the *Canadian Presbyterian Magazine* of July last, professing to give an account of the proceedings and decisions of the U. P. Synod, particularly in the cases of Tre vs. the Session of Toronto U. P. Congregation, and of the Protest and Appeal of Cameron and others, against the decision of the Presbytery of Toronto; this Presbytery feel called upon to declare, that said article is a libel upon the Synod, impugning as it does their decisions, and maligning their character.

II. That such being the character of said article, this Presbytery hold that it is a matter urgently demanding the action of the Synod, for the vindication of their character, and for the good of the Church; and therefore resolve, to overture the Synod, and do hereby overture, accordingly, to take at the first Meeting, special cognizance of this matter, and to deal with the editor of said magazine, the Rev. J. Jennings of Toronto, as such deliberate and glaring delinquency deserves.

The Presbytery of Durham, at the same meeting, also passed unanimously the following resolution:—

That believing the tendency of the misrepresentations set forth in the article in July No. of the *C. P. Magazine*, before noticed, to be most dangerous to the peace and prosperity of the Church, this Presbytery deem it due to the congregations under their inspection, to state, that the *Canadian Presbyterian Magazine* is not, and never was, the official and acknowledged organ of the U. P. Church in Canada; and further, that the statements and teachings in certain of its editorials are designedly disingenuous, and highly perverse of truth, and, therefore, that said Magazine is, in the opinion of this Presbytery, utterly unworthy of their support or countenance.

OWEN, 1st Sept., 1853.

REV. DEAR SIR,—

The preceding resolutions were followed by instructions to the Clerk to transmit a copy of them to the Editor of the *Canadian Presbyterian Magazine* as early as possible. In accordance with which "instructions" they are now forwarded to you in time for your next issue if you see fit to insert them.

I am, Rev. Dear Sir, yours truly,

R. H. THORNTON, *Ck. Presby.*

By all means we "soo fit to insert them;" and would have inserted in last number the resolution of the Presbytery of Toronto, passed on the 9th of August, had it been sent to us. However, now, that our readers may lose nothing, we give it also.

It was moved by Rev. D. Courts, seconded by Rev. W. Dickson, and carried—Rev. Mr. Dick dissenting—

"That in view of certain statements made by the Editor of the *Canadian Presbyterian Magazine*, in the issue of July last, reflecting on the character of the members of the Supreme Court of the Church, while acting in their judicial capacity, this Presbytery, while they feel their incompetency to deal with a matter which lies between the Editor of that magazine and the Synod, nevertheless cannot refrain from expressing their high disapprobation of the false and calumnious nature of the charges therein set forth, or from deprecating their evil tendency as calculated to produce schism and strife; that from respect as well to Christian principle and the interests of the Church, as to ecclesiastical law, they feel themselves bound to protest against those charges, and to appeal to next meeting of Synod; and they deem it proper, in the meantime, to declare that in their opinion, the Editor of the *Canadian Presbyterian Magazine*, by putting forth such charges against the Supreme Court of the Church in so unchristian and unbecoming a manner, has shown himself unworthy of their confidence, and his *Magazine* to be unworthy of their sympathy or support."

While such Presbyterian denunciations, considering the previous course of those who have made them, have not taken us by surprise, and while perfectly prepared to meet all that has been advanced, yet it is with extreme regret we see the course pursued. As may readily be supposed,