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The present number brings the *sixth* volume of the "PRESBYTERIAN" to a close. In the next issue we purpose to advert at some length to the circulation and prospects of our periodical. Meanwhile it affords its conductors much satisfaction to state that in no previous year of its existence have Subscribers so regularly transmitted the payment of their dues as during the year that is drawing to a close.

We embrace this opportunity of thanking several parties through whom our subscription-list, not only in Canada, but in the Lower Provinces, has been greatly increased. In making this general acknowledgement, however, we would consider ourselves blame-worthy, did we omit to particularize the friendly interest shown by the HALIFAX LAY ASSOCIATION, and especially by its active Secretary, Arch. Scott, Esq., through whose kind co-operation a large accession to our list in Nova Scotia has been recently made. We have much pleasure in announcing that this gentleman has kindly volunteered his valuable services as our Agent and Correspondent in that Province.

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ORDINATION AT OSNABRUCK.

The Presbytery of Glengary met at Osnabruck on the 7th of October for the ordination and induction of the Rev. Robert Dobie as pastor of the congregation of Osnabruck, in connection with the Church of Scotland. According to previous appointment the Rev. Andrew Bell presided on the occasion, and preached from Psalm LXXVIII, 5, 6, 7, "He established a testimony in Jacob, &c., &c." Mr. Dobie, having satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to ministers at ordination, and given his assent to the Act anent the Spiritual Independence of the Synod, was then solemnly ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry by prayer and the laying-on of the hands of the Presbytery, and was afterwards inducted as Minister of Osnabruck. Suitable addresses to the newly ordained minister and to the congregation were given by the Rev. John McLaurin and the Rev. Thomas Scott. At the close of the services Mr. Dobie received a very hearty welcome from the members of his congregation. There was a pretty full attendance of the members of the Presbytery, and they were joined on the occasion by two brethren from other Presbyteries, viz., the Rev. Dr. Mathieson, of Montreal, and the Rev. John McKerras, of Darlington. The congregation was large and respectable; and there is every prospect of Mr. Dobie being both comfortable and useful among them.

INDUCTION AT HAMILTON.

On Wednesday, the 26th October, the Presbytery of Hamilton met according to appointment for the purpose of inducing the Rev. Robert Burnet into the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's Church, Hamilton.

Divine service was conducted and a suitable discourse preached by the Rev. Kenneth MacLennan, of Dundas and Ancaster, from Coloss. I. 28. "Whom we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." The usual questions having been put by Mr. MacLennan, and proper replies returned by Mr. Burnet, he was duly admitted to all the rights and immunities of the office to which he had been elected, and received the right hand of fellowship from the brethren present, including the Rev. Mr. Barclay, of Toronto.

The Rev. Mr. Johnston, of Saltfleet, then addressed the new minister in a brief and pointed manner on the Divine Providence that had brought him to his present position, and the solemn obligation devolving upon him in the important sphere of labour upon which he was now entering. After which the congregation was addressed by the Rev. G. Macdonnell, of Nelson, on their respective duties in their several capacities as Elders, Sabbath-school Teachers, Parents, &c. All were exhorted to strive to attain the standard of the Apostolic Churches by being "saints and faithful in Christ Jesus."

After the Benediction was pronounced, Mr. Burnet was cordially welcomed by the congregation on their retiring.