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## CHURCH IN CANADA.

### INDUCTION AT WOODSTOCK.

The Presbytery of Hamilton met at Woodstock on the 29th of September for the induction of the Rev. F. F. Sim. The Call had been moderated in by the Rev. Mr. Macnee, of Hamilton, and the Edict was returned duly served by the Rev. Mr. Mowat, of Niagara.

The Rev. Hamilton Gibson, of Galt, presided on the occasion, and preached from Hosea XIV. 5, 6, "I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon. His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive-tree, and his smell as Lebanon." When the sermon was concluded, Mr. Gibson put to Mr. Sim the usual questions, to which satisfactory answers were given, and received his assent to the Act of Synod anent the Spiritual Independence of the Church. Mr. Sim was then solemnly ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry by prayer and the imposition of the hands of the Presbytery, and was inducted into the pastoral charge of the congregation of Woodstock. Suitable exhortations were afterwards delivered to the minister by the Rev. Mr. Gregor, of Guelph, and to the people by the Rev. George Bell, of Simcoe. At the close of the proceedings the members of the congregation shook hands with their young minister in token of a cordial welcome.

Vacant congregations are apt to be quite discouraged by the failure of their urgent and repeated applications for a

pastor; but the success, which has at length crowned the perseverance of our people in Woodstock, may well induce others to continue their endeavours to have their spiritual destitution supplied. Our church in Woodstock has been vacant since 1844, but our adherents there, though often disappointed, have never lost their desire or ceased their exertions to procure a minister; and they have now obtained the services of a Licentiate of our own Church, who is expected by his interesting style of preaching and active labours, accompanied with the blessing of God, to repair the losses which our Church has sustained in Woodstock, and gather around a numerous and increasing flock.

At our meeting on the 19th of October Calls were received from Nelson in favour of the Rev. Mr. Macdonald, and from Saltfleet in favour of the Rev. Mr. Johnson.

### UNIVERSITY OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

The Twelfth Session of the classes of this University began on Wednesday, the 6th, and was publicly opened on Thursday, the 14th current, After the usual proceedings on similar occasions, the reading of the names of those admitted to Matriculation, and of the Statutes of the College, and the subscription of the Sponsio Academica by the Students then present, the Rev. Principal Machar delivered a very impressive address regarding certain moral habits essential to the successful prosecution of a course of University study.

We are gratified to learn that the number of new Students this session is greater than usual, a proof of the esteem in which this seat of learning is held, as well as of the increasing desire for the benefits of a higher education. We trust that this desire will be more widely and generally diffused every year. A thorough and Christian education is the main element in the superiority

of one community over another, and, not to speak of its other social and political advantages, it is what we need in this Province more than anything else for exciting enlightened enterprise, and giving an effectual impulse to the agricultural manufacturing and commercial prosperity of our people. —*Kingston Chronicle and News, Oct: 22.*

(From the Guelph Herald of 7th September.)

Monumental Tablet to the memory of the late A. D. FORDYCE, Esq.

An elegant white marble Tablet has recently been erected in St. Andrew's Church, Fergus, to the memory of the late Mr. Fordyce, first Warden of the District of Wellington. It bears the following inscription:—

In memory of  
ALEXANDER DINGWALL FORDYCE, Esq.,  
For fifteen years  
An Elder of this Church,  
During which time  
He laboured indefatigably for the  
Spiritual and Temporal welfare  
of  
THE CONGREGATION,  
And through whose exertions, under God,  
They have been preserved in connexion  
With  
The Church of their Fathers.

This Tablet is erected by the Members  
of  
St. Andrew's Church, Fergus.  
He died on the 23rd February, 1852, aged 66.

## THE CHURCH IN THE LOWER PROVINCES.

In our Nos. for Sept. and Oct. we had much pleasure in publishing from the *British Colonist* some details of the labours of the Deputation from the Parent Church.