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CONGREGATION OF DARLINGTON.

It will be gratifying to our readers to learn that the Ladies of the Congregation of Darlington lately presented their youthful and active Pastor, the Rev. J. H. McKerras, A.M., with a very handsome pulpit gown as a token of their high appreciation of his excellent services as a Minister of the everlasting Gospel.

INDUCTION AT LOCHIEL.

A pro-re-nata meeting of the Revd. the Presbytery of Glengarry was held at Lochiel on Wednesday, 28th June, for the purpose of inducting the Revd. John McDonell to that long vacant charge. The attendance of clergymen was large, considering the great distance which some had to travel, and the unpropitious state of the weather at the time. The Moderator, the Rev. Robert Dobie, of Osnabruck, was to have officiated on the occasion, but, as the Congregation of Lochiel appreciate service in Gaelic much more than in English, the Revd. Mr. McLaurin, of Martintown, ably supplied his place, preaching, in the language so dear to the hearts of the Gael, from Isaiah, chap. LXIV. v. 6.

After Divine service Mr. McDonell's letter of appointment from the General Assembly's Colonial Committee, Edinburgh, (in compliance with the request of the people of Lochiel for a pastor) was read, together with extract from records of the Presbytery of Glasgow of his ordination in the end of March last. The Presbytery being satisfied with these Documents and with others testifying to the excellent moral character and superior gifts of Mr. McDonell as an English and Gaelic preacher, the Moderator put the usual questions and read the Act of Synod, declaring the spiritual independence of the Church, when Mr. McD. received the right hand of fellowship from the Brethren present to take part in the ministry with

them. The newly inducted Minister was then suitably addressed in English by the Revd. Andrew Bell, and the people in affectionate terms in Gaelic by the Revd. Mr. McLaurin. At the close of the day's service Mr. McDonell received a hearty welcome from the people amongst whom he has been called to labour in holy things.

It is pleasing to see one after the other of the many waste places of our Zion in this land being supplied with suitable ministers—men—some of whom (as in the case of Mr. McDonell) have, in answer to the cry "come over and help us," left home and friends and country, and rent in sunder many dear ties. The church of Lochiel has been vacant, we believe, for no less than nine years. During that long period a numerous and much attached people of the Church of their fathers have been deprived of the stated ordinances of Religion. The Sabbath of the Lord dawned upon them, but, alas! the gates of the Lord's house stood not invitingly open. The silence of the Sabbath morn was unbroken by the sweetly sounding bell, calling to prayer. The multitude met not together, as of old, in solemn assembly on God's Holy Day. For them there was no watchman on the Tower of Zion, no ambassador of Christ, no messenger of Truth proclaiming the glad tidings of the Gospel of peace. But God hath at length been pleased to hear the prayers of His people and to grant unto them the desire of their hearts. He