

liminary exercises. after which Rev. J. K. Bearisto preached an appropriate sermon from 2 Corinthians, the 5th chapter, verses 14, 15.

After singing a hymn, Mr. Rainnie, as Moderator of Session, presided at the induction, narrated the steps taken, and put the questions prescribed by the formula, which were satisfactorily answered. Whereupon prayer was offered, and Mr. Fraser was formally inducted as minister of New St. Stephen's. The Presbytery then cordially welcomed him to their midst by giving him the right hand of fellowship.

The congregation sang one of the ordination hymns, and the Rev. Mr. Fotheringham delivered an eloquent and scholarly address to the minister. After further singing Rev. J. S. Sutherland reminded the congregation of their duties in a forcible, earnest and practical address.

The congregation was then dismissed, and on motion Mr. Fraser's name was added to the roll of Presbytery.

The Session was then convened and Mr. Fraser introduced as their new Moderator.

As the congregation left the building they had an opportunity of shaking hands with their newly inducted minister.

In the school-room the ladies of the congregation had prepared refreshments of coffee and cake.

The congregation gathered there in large numbers after leaving the church, and did full justice to the good things provided.

During the evening Mr. A. C. Smith, who acted as chairman, called the meeting to order, when Mr. J. H. Parks, on behalf of the ladies, in an appropriate address presented Mr. Fraser with a pulpit gown, cassock and bands. Mr. Fraser thanked the congregation for their kindness, and thought the gown would be a re-

minder of what was expected from him by the congregation, as he could not claim it as the reward of work done.

After a pleasant gathering the congregation dispersed amid the best wishes of the Presbytery for the success of the pastorate so auspiciously begun.

Church Association.

Preaching at the North Finchley Presbyterian Church, London, recently, the Rev. John Watson, M.A. ("Ian Maclaren"), in the course of his remarks, said:

"What associations gather round the church, even the poorest country kirk you ever saw, with its black firs and the great stones that mark the graves of the fathers of the glen. Watch that old man going in and try to understand the feeling with which he will sit in his old-fashioned pew with his fathers, and has a faint recollection of his grandfather and the effect produced upon him by seeing the two men standing up and bending their heads in prayer. Then he sat there with his own children in the place where his father and grandfather sat.

Is there nothing in that? Then he now has his children's children, and as he sits there and looks round the church, two generations behind him rise up and fill the pews in turn and disperse. His soul feels the sense of reverence. Men come and go, but God remains; and if they come and go, they pass to where the spirits of the just are made perfect. It becomes the vestibule of heaven.

Take some obscure town church or chapel. Why does a man, as he goes some day to business, go down a back street and stand opposite that old, worn, and unsightly chapel? Because there is a bit of spiritual