

noon.—The principal business before the Court were Mr. Johnston's several exercises, trials for ordination. He delivered a sermon on Matt. vi. 10, "Thy kingdom come;" a lecture on Acts xx. 10-29; an increase and addition on Gal. iii. 2; was examined in Church History on the Reformation in England; in Theology on the doctrine of Regeneration; in Hebrew, the book of Jonah; and in Greek, the New Testament ad aperturam libri, in all of which he acquitted himself to the entire satisfaction of the Presbytery. It is but a short time since Mr. Johnston was before the same Presbytery for license, yet the improvement was so marked as to be taken notice of by several members of Court.—*Presbyterian Witness.*

The Presbytery of Pictou met in Prince St. Church, Pictou, on Tuesday, 30th August. Mr. Alex. Falconer, student of Theology of the 1st year, appeared before the Presbytery and delivered a sermon on John i. 29, and was examined on the first five Psalms in Hebrew, the Epistle to the Ephesians in Greek, and the 1st century in Ecclesiastical History. All these exercises were highly approved, and the clerk was instructed to certify him for admission to the Hall as a 2nd year student.

Messrs. W. S. Campbell and Kenneth Grant, students of Philosophy, appeared before the Presbytery seeking admission to the Divinity Hall. They were examined on the several branches of study in the Philosophical course, in all of which they acquitted themselves to the satisfaction of the Presbytery. Satisfactory certificates being also afforded of their standing in the church, the Presbytery, unanimously agreed to their admission to the Hall.

PRESENTATION TO REV. E. ROSS.

It is with much pleasure that we notice, from time to time, the esteem in which a Servant of Christ is held by his flock, manifesting itself in some kind act too significant to be mistaken. It has become quite fashionable of late to give expression to this esteem by some valua-

ble gift, intended to promote the comfort of the pastor and to lessen the burden of his labours. When these gifts are presented with that cheerfulness which "the Lord loveth," and when the expressions which accompany them are the true utterances of grateful hearts, these acts of kindness must be as pleasant to the people themselves as they are valued by him who receives them. The good people of Upper Londonderry have recently presented their pastor, the Rev E. Ross, with a very neat set of harness, valued at eight pounds fifteen shillings, as a token of the respect in which he is held as their spiritual teacher and guide. This portion of the Presbyterian Church has been rapidly improving for the last few years, in regard for the minister's comfort, and in christian liberality generally. A short time after the division of Londonderry into two distinct congregations, the limits of the Upper congregation were narrowed by the excision of a section of no inconsiderable extent. Notwithstanding that, this congregation has raised the stipend of its minister from £120 to 150; and by the Statistical returns we perceive a very creditable increase in the contributions to the various schemes of the Church. This speaks well for a people, who until about a dozen years ago, had not received the first lesson in the duty of giving "as God had prospered them." The late Rev John Brown, whose ministrations this people enjoyed for the period of fifty three years, was so deeply solicitous for the salvation of his flock, and cared so little for the "meat which perisheth," that, under his ministry the financial affairs of the congregation received no attention whatever. His subscribed salary was never more than eighty pounds, and very seldom, if ever, was the whole amount collected. No Board of Managers having charge of the finance, existed in his day. Some one, whose heart was more deeply fired with love for his minister's welfare, would harness his horse and go around his neighbourhood collecting; and after he had filled a few bags with wheat, oats &c., he would pay a visit to the parsonage, deposit his load, and obtain as his receipt many hearty thanks for his trouble, with an unaffected smile of content. A man then could pay his pastor by a pound or two of bones, a leg of mutton or a quarter of veal, or