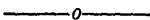


great assiduity and zeal among this people, during the week. Mr. Ross received the whole of his instruction at the College here, having been one of the earliest students in attendance, and was afterwards licensed by the Free Presbytery of New Brunswick, several of the members declaring that they had seldom examined one for license possessed of greater professional attainments. Besides all this, several of the more advanced students of Divinity have been devoting themselves to the duties of voluntary missionaries, in different localities, with much approbation, and we trust with no small amount of usefulness. Mr. Smith spent the whole of the last summer in the capacity of catechist at St. Stephen's, N. B., where, by his indefatigable zeal in the cause of his master, and by his painstaking attention to the young, and the sick, he commended himself to the approbation of all. Several of the other advanced students are devoting their spare moments to missionary labour in and around Halifax, supplying occasionally preaching stations with great acceptability, teaching Sabbath schools, holding prayer meetings, &c., &c. Surely all these things are fitted to brighten our prospects in reference to the future, to encourage all the well-wishers of our Zion to the most strenuous and persevering efforts in the support of our whole educational movement, and to call forth united prayer to the Lord of the vineyard that he would yet more thoroughly awaken the church in these Provinces to a sense of her responsibility and privilege, and that he would inspire the mothers of Israel with some of the spirit of her who said respecting her child of many prayers, "As long as he liveth he shall be lent unto the Lord."



#### ORDINATION OF THE REV. JAMES ROSS.

In a former number of the Record, it was mentioned that a call to the Rev. James Ross, from the united congregations of Grand River and Lochlomond, had been laid before the Presbytery of Cape Breton in August last. On the 1st Oct., the Presbytery met at Grand River for the purpose of ordaining and inducting Mr. Ross to the pastoral charge of those congregations. After hearing Mr. Ross's trial exercises, which were highly satisfactory, the Presbytery proceeded to the Church; but the congregation assem-

bled being at least twice as many as the church could hold, the solemn services of the day were conducted in the open air. The Rev. Wm. G. Forbes, of Plaister Cove, who presided, preached an appropriate sermon from John xxi. 16, (last clause.) The usual questions having been put and answered, Mr. Ross was solemnly set apart to the ministry by prayer and the imposition of hands, and received the right hand of fellowship as a Brother and Member of the Presbytery. Minister and people were then briefly but suitably addressed by the Moderator on their respective duties. As the congregation were dismissing, they gave a hearty welcome to Mr. Ross, their first stated pastor.

Thus another of our vacant settlements is supplied with the precious means of grace—a preached gospel and its holy ordinances. It is many a long year—about 40 years we believe—since the first Highland emigrants settled at Grand River, and neighbourhood. Many of the fathers of the settlement have been laid in their graves, not having been permitted to see the day, which some of them at least earnestly desired to see—the day in which a minister of the Church of their fathers would be settled among them; but a goodly number of the first settlers still survive, and it was truly delightful on the ordination day, to see their cheerful looks and to hear their devout ejaculations of thanksgiving to Him who had that day gratified their long cherished desires, and relieved their minds from their chief anxiety about their families, whom they feared they would have to leave still as sheep without a shepherd,—by sending them, and that when they least expected it, and when their hopes were at the lowest, a pastor whom they believed they could welcome as an ambassador of Christ.

But we cannot close this notice of the Grand River people, without making known a part of their conduct highly creditable to themselves and encouraging to their pastor. It is too well known how congregations, generally, in this country, deal with their ministers, or rather, we should say, with "the gospel of the grace of God," in temporal things. Too many seem to regard gospel ordinances as a mercantile commodity, which they wish to possess, but at the lowest possible price, and if they pay at the end of the year the pittance they have subscribed for a minister's services, they pride themselves not a little on their liberality. It would