

OUR CHURCH NEWS.

PRESBYTERY OF TRURO.

The Presbytery of Truro, according to appointment, met at Parrsboro, on Wednesday, the 4th inst., for the ordination of Mr D. McKinnon. Sederunt, the Revds. John Currie, Moderator P. T., Wm. McCulloch, E. Ross, A. L. Wyllie, J. McG. McKay, and Jacob McLellan, ministers; and Messrs James Graham and George Fullerton, ruling elders.

The Presbytery, convening in a private house, took order, respecting matters preliminary to the ordination services. They then repairing to the church found assembled there a large congregation waiting for the deeply interesting, and to them, long to be remembered services of the day. The devotions began with the singing of Psalm cxxxii. 7-11. It was soon evident that Parrsboro, in its rapid advancement, had not yet risen to the refined mockery of leaving their choir to do all their singing. They with one united voice, and we doubt not, heart also, responded to the preacher's words "Let us praise God." After prayer was sung Psalm xix. 7-10.

The preacher, Mr Currie, then proposed as subject corresponding with the special object of the meeting Isaiah lv. 11. He began with a reference to the various ways by which in former dispensations the word of God had been set forth to men, and brought to operate upon him. He then spoke of the appointed way under the Christian dispensation, the reading of the word, but specially the preaching of the gospel.

Thus set forth it would accomplish the designed object in the case both of the believer and also in that of the unbeliever. He pointed out how the word of God came to the believer in every condition, supplied him with whatever he required, and accomplished in him all that was needing to be done, and ultimately to the glory of God made him perfect in Christ Jesus. He would also accomplish the designed object in the case of every unbeliever hearing it. The preacher described the various classes of unbelievers, shewing in respect to each how the word read and preached accomplished the divine purpose, and magnified the perfections of Jehovah.

After prayer the congregation sang Psalm cxix, 13-16. Mr McKay narrated the steps showing that all things re-

lative to the Call and settlement of Mr McKinnon had been according to scripture and as set forth by the rules of the Church.

The questions of the formula were put by Mr Ross and all readily assented to by Mr McKinnon. The Presbytery then by prayer and the laying on of hands ordained Mr McKinnon to the work of the holy ministry and the pastoral oversight of the Presbyterian church and congregation of Parrsboro and Maccan, the Moderator conducting the service. Being ordained, he received from the Presbytery the right hand of fellowship and part in the ministry. He was then suitably and feelingly addressed by Mr McCulloch on the duties, trials, encouragements and rewards of the gospel ministry. To enforce his remarks he applied very happily the truths presented in the opening sermons. One unacquainted with the speaker's high gift of ready application, would have thought that the whole address had been prepared after hearing the Moderator's sermon. At some parts of the address every minister might have trembled saying, "who is sufficient for these things." At other parts the words and the very tones of voice were calculated to inspire with the triumphant feeling, "Our sufficiency is of God."

He was followed by Mr McKay who set faithfully before the people what they owed to their minister. He had a claim upon them in spiritual things and he had a claim upon them in carnal things. They owed to him as well as to themselves to wait upon his preaching, to attend to his instruction, to respect the words he uttered, to second his plans in the advancement of godliness, to love him for his work's sake and to pray for the success of his ministry. To them belonged his support in all temporal good things. This support should be liberal, punctual, and cheerful. If in any of these matters they failed, their minister would be discouraged and disheartened and they would be the losers. It might be that he would become so cast down as to feel unable to continue among them. But let them attend to all that they owed to him, he would go on increasing in his usefulness, love would grow and increase no inducements would entice him to dissolve the relation this day formed.

The lengthened services were concluded with prayer, praise, and the benedic-