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"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem! let my right hand forget its cunning."—Ps. 137, v. 5.

### Address

BY REV. DR. BROOKE, FREDERICTON, N. B.,  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE ORDINATION  
OF MR. GEORGE J. CAIE.

*My dear young Friend and Brother :*

You have now, in accordance with the practice of Apostolic days, been admitted to the office of the holy ministry, "by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery." Suffer me, then, to address you a few words respecting the duties and responsibilities of the great work to which you have now been set apart.

I have no doubt but that you have duly and prayerfully considered these, and that I can say little or nothing to you with which your mind is not already familiar; but, nevertheless, you will bear with me for a few minutes though I should do nothing more than "put you in remembrance" of things which have long occupied your thoughts.

I scarcely deem it necessary to remind you of the necessity of careful study. You have passed through the usual ordeals in your attendance in the University, on receiving license to preach the gospel, and now before being ordained. But I am quite satisfied that, instead of relaxing your exertions, and sitting down contented, as if you had reached a landing place beyond which no advances were required, you will agree with me in thinking that continued and laborious study will still be needful. You have had sufficient experience in the ministerial work to be aware that weekly preparation for the pulpit requires an amount of earnest thought and care with which even those who have had

the experience of a life-time feel that they cannot dispense.

And, while recommending careful study and diligent preparation of your public addresses, suffer me to say a few words as to the matter of your preaching. I have no doubt but, like the Apostle Paul, who was in an eminent degree the model of a christian minister, you feel that "necessity is laid upon you, yea, and that woe is unto you if you preach not the gospel." And let us seriously think what the gospel is. It is, as its name imports, "Glad tidings of great joy" to our fallen world. You are to proclaim, wherever, and to whomsoever, you may be called upon to minister, "that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them." And, as an ambassador for Christ, you are to pray men, "in Christ's stead, to be reconciled to God." Feeling the solemn responsibility that lies upon you, as "standing," like the High Priest of old, "between the living and the dead," you will be sensible that time is too precious to admit of your occupying the attention of your people with idle speculations or curious questions that minister not to edifying. Salvation through faith in the atonement of our Lord Jesus Christ, sanctification by the Holy Spirit working in the heart, and that sanctification manifested to the world by a godly life,—these will be the grand topics on which you will dwell. These were the doctrines that were preached by the Apostles, and which, by the blessing of God, proved themselves "mighty to the pulling down of strong holds." These were the doctrines that were preached by the Reformers, that shook the Papal