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The Rev. A. W. Herdman, M. A., has been inducted to the parish of Rattray. He writes as follows: "On Sabbath last, 3rd Aug., was my introduction by Professor Mitchell, of St. Andrews, an old friend and class fellow, and I preached in the afternoon from Roman 116, and finished with a peroration addressed to my new charge—the church packed. One from the colonies can have little idea of the high air and stand taken in church matters, if one is to take his cue from the Presbytery of Dunkeld. Dissent is nowhere—Church of Scotland everything. She keeps other churches right and her dis-establishment would be the mightiest blow struck against their existence; therefore let all pray for the church."

At the dinner given by the Presbytery in honour of Mr. Herdman, he made the following speech: "I desire to thank the members of Presbytery for the honour just conferred upon me, and I desire still further to thank the Presbytery of Dunkeld for their kindness and courtesy in acknowledging my status as minister of the Church of Scotland, while yet minister in the colonies, and ere my presbytery certificate had arrived. Such conduct was regarded by our ministers on the other side as both friendly and wise, for the Presbytery, and the parish of Rattray have acquired a transatlantic fame; and the devotion of a people who have called one of the sons after a lengthened absence to discharge his ministry in the parish of his brother and father is regarded as alike chivalrous and complimentary. I cannot be insensible to the heartiness of my welcome this day and I trust that I may be enabled as minister of the Gospel of Christ while displaying the banner of the cross

with the one hand to unfurl that of conciliation with the other, that none may see in me the minister of a party merely, but of a flock large and united to feed and guide which my reverend father has this day so solemnly directed, whether I am to succeed will depend of course not a little upon the people themselves, but I trust as I come among them not as unknown and with the humble desire of doing the master's work that they will rally round and encourage me."

## THE REV. GAVIN LANG.

The Rev. Gavin Lang who is justly celebrated far beyond the confines of Montreal as a pulpit orator, preached in St. Andrew's New Glasgow. Our regular representative, therefore, attended upon the ministrations of that gentleman and took notes from which to construct an outline of each of the able efforts made by him. The text in the morning was Mark viii. : 36 :

"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" He divided this into two questions: 1st, "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" He divided this into two questions: 1st, "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world?" 2nd, The entire passage, with particular emphasis on the last clause—"and lose his own soul?" The phrase "whole world" here means the utmost of that kind of possessions which a man can gain. Each man has his own path in life, with peculiar capacities for following it out. The utmost that his capacities can acquire is the **WHOLE WORLD** to him. It is useless to consider the phrase as the whole world in the fullest sense of the term. It is hard enough to steer our course clear in the affairs that fall to each of us. How stupendous, then, the task would be to a single individual with the whole world to manage. "Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown." How much more the one that would have the whole world to direct. Taking the words in their limited sense, *What profit* would there be in gaining the whole world? Christ did