

Ordination Services at Southwold.—Mr. J. J. Hindley, B.A., of the Congregational College of B. N. A., was solemnly set apart to the work of the sacred ministry on the 19th inst. The meetings began at 2 o'clock, P.M. The Rev. J. Salmon, B.A., of Warwick, conducted the opening services. The Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, of London, preached the introductory sermon, on the nature and characteristics of the New Testament Church, from Phil. i. 1, 2. The Rev. J. Wood, of Brantford, put to the candidate the usual questions, which being satisfactorily answered, the Rev. T. Pullar, of Hamilton, offered the ordination prayer, when Father Silcox,—the oldest Congregational minister in Canada, and the first pastor of this church,—extended the right hand of Fellowship to Mr. Hindley, addressing to him at the same time fitting words of welcome. After singing, the Rev. W. H. Allworth, of Paris, gave the charge to the newly-ordained pastor from the words, “A faithful minister of Christ,” Col. i. 7. The benediction by the pastor concluded the afternoon service. At 7.30 the Rev. T. Pullar opened the evening exercises by singing, reading the scriptures, and prayer. The Rev. J. Brown, of Burford, then preached the sermon to the people, from John xiii. 20. After which, the brethren who had the lighter parts of the services spoke as their hearts dictated—and that was the glorious gospel of Jesus, without mist, or theory, or ought to obscure it—and we are certain every word went to the hearts of those who heard. The meetings were large, attentive, and deeply interested. They will not soon slip from the memory. “Words whose echo lasts, they were so sweet,” were spoken. Mr. Hindley has entered upon an important and excellent field of labor, and we pray upon him the blessing of God; and this, we are sure, is the prayer of all who desire the coming of Christ’s kingdom.

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Scotland.—Twelve more persons were received into this church on the first Sabbath in May, and still further additions are looked for.

Brantford.—On the same day, ten persons were publicly admitted, on profession of faith, to the church in Brantford, making a total of sixty-three since the commencement of the revival there.

Markham.—We were privileged with the opportunity of spending three days in Markham early in May, and were delighted to find what we had learned regarding the religious interest there fully confirmed by what we heard and saw. Thirteen persons had been received into fellowship on the previous Sabbath, and others were expected to apply; besides which there was a considerable number of young converts who were expected to connect themselves with other churches in the village. Bro. Macallum feels greatly cheered and encouraged in his work.

Toronto—United Communion Service.—On Wednesday evening, 19th May, the members of the three Congregational churches in Toronto met in Zion Church, upon the invitation of the brethren there assembling, for a united observance of the Lord’s Supper. A very large proportion of the membership of each church was present. Rev. J. G. Manly presided, the pastors of the two sister churches, two deacons of Zion Church, and one from each of the others, being seated with him on the platform and taking part in the service, at the close of which Rev. Dr. Lillie and Rev. T. Baker offered prayer. The service was one of deep interest, and the opportunity of thus meeting together was evidently valued by those present. A collection was taken up for the Widows’ and Orphans’ Fund.

It is proposed to have a similar meeting in each of the churches alternately, at least once in six months. This plan is one of those suggested by a Conference of the pastors and deacons of the three churches, held in Bond-street on the 16th of April, with a view of promoting co-operation in local matters, and for the