

ministry ;—I can scarcely refrain from tears, and my heart yearns over you. I doubt not, that I shall have your anxious and prayerful attention, while I avail myself of that passage of holy scripture which I have just read, to address to you some admonitions suited to the circumstances in which you are now placed—
 "Say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it."

After some observations on the office of Archippus, and the dangers to which he was exposed, Mr. Jackson proposed to set before his young brethren in a plain and familiar manner.—I. The ministry to which they were called ; II. A few things necessary in order to its due fulfillment ;—and III. To close his remarks by some considerations calculated to enforce the admonition contained in the text.

I. On the first general division, the Preacher remarked—The word here translated "ministry" signifies a service, a work of labour : it is a "service" which has been received from the Lord Jesus,—a service which he has instituted,—and one which is exercised under his direct sanction, favour, and blessing ;—a ministry dependent on his power and grace for success in all its departments,—a ministry which was originally instituted with a reference to the glory and honour of his name, and which ought at all times to be exercised with reference to the same subjects.

This Ministry included many things of great importance—

1. The public preaching of God's holy word. This preaching ought to be (1,) scriptural ; (2,) thoroughly evangelical ; (3,) practical ; and (4,) faithful.

2. The administration of the Christian sacrament.—(1,) baptism ; (2,) the Lord's Supper. On the subject of baptism the Rev. Gentleman observed—

Always administer this ordinance with due solemnity and impressiveness. Never administer it in private families except in cases of the dangerous affliction of the infant baptized. Let the child be brought to the church of God, and benefitted by the united prayers of the congregation. Never make this ordinance a sort of appendage to public worship, but administer it in the midst of the service. Remind parents of their obligations to train up their baptized children in the nurture and the admonition of the Lord ;—remind young people of the obligations under which they lie perseveringly to choose the good and better part ;—and teach the congregation to pray in faith, and to expect, in answer to their prayers, the communication, to the mind of the infant or individual baptized, of the inward and spiritual grace which the outward sign so strikingly represents.

3. The proper conducting of public worship. On this head the preacher observed—

When the Sabbath returns, and the people assemble, and you ascend the pulpit, your congregation consists on that day especially, of various classes. There are among them wicked men, who have no fear of God before their eyes ;—there are persons who have the form of godliness, but are destitute of its power, resting in the outward profession of Christianity, without serious anxiety to be made Christians indeed ; there are backsliders from God, who have suffered sad declensions in experience and practice ; there are, it may be, persons convinced of sin, and groaning for redemption ;—there are Christians weighed down with temptation, worldly care and anxiety, whose minds are troubled, harassed, and perplexed ;—there are young people, with all their lightness and volatility of spirit,—aged people bending under the weight of years ; there are persons who appear in mourning weeds indicative of the loss of beloved friends,—the widow with her

fatherless children. O what a trust is reposed in you ! You are to be the representatives of these people before a throne of grace, to lead their devotions, and to express their wants, their joys, and sorrows.

I beseech you, never conduct the worship of God in a careless, light, and formal manner, so that your devotions fall short of the devotions of the spiritual part of your congregation, and the people go away without having their wants and feelings rightly and duly expressed to the God and Father of us all.

Two things were especially urged upon the young ministers, to qualify them for properly conducting divine worship,—to live in the true spirit of devotion, and to form an intimate acquaintance with the holy Scriptures. No language was so suitable for prayer as the language of the Holy Ghost ;—no words so proper in which to express our wants, as the words of the inspired volume.

4. Fidelity in exercising the pastoral charge, including, (1,) the maintenance of holy and salutary discipline ; (2,) the visitation of the sick ; and (3,) the care of children, who, where practicable, should be met weekly.

II. In suggesting what was necessary to a due fulfillment of the ministry to which they were called, the preacher named, among other requisites—1, deep piety ;—2, a thorough knowledge of the Bible ;—3, an adaptation of their ministry to the state of the people amongst whom they laboured, which might require an acquaintance with the infidel, Socinian, and Papish controversies ;—4, a knowledge of Wesleyan history and doctrines, and their effects on the progressive improvement of mankind, as well as a knowledge of general history and theology.

III. On the last division of his subject, the preacher enlarged on the connection there was between the proper fulfillment of their duty and the glory of God, the best interests of mankind, and their own happiness and safety, present and eternal.

As the charge is to be published forthwith, in request, we content ourselves with this rude outline.

The 279th hymn, from the 6th verse, "Search of men thy searching eye," was then sung, and the Ex-President closed the services with prayer and the benediction.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF MISSIONARIES.

An interesting and impressive service took place in Pitt-street Chapel, on Sunday afternoon, when a number of Ministers, who had been for a series of years employed in Foreign Stations, received an official and public recognition. The pulpit was occupied by the President and Secretary of the Conference ; and Dr. Bunting. The Ministers to be recognised were in the front pew of the centre gallery of the chapel, which was crowded to excess.—Many of the Preachers were present.

The President (Mr. Lessey) commenced the services by giving out the 433d Hymn—"Give me the power that can remove," &c., after which Dr. Bunting engaged in prayer.

The 430th Hymn,—from the second verse, "Vilest of the sinful race," was then sung.

The Secretary (Mr. Newton) called over the names of the Ministers, and stated the places and respective periods of their ministrations as follows :—

James Archbell, South Africa, 21 years.
 John B. Strong, British North America, 20 years.
 William Crookes, Jamaica, 14 years.
 George Beard, West Indies, 13 years.
 John Philp, Ditto, 9 years.
 W. J. Davies, South Africa, 8 years.
 William Fox, Western Africa, 8 years.
 John Mann, West Indies, 6 years.
 Thomas Jeffries, West Indies, 6 years.