

them, and the promptness and liberality with which they have contributed to the different schemes of the Church, and the large reduction which they have in so short a time on the congregational debt; and finally encourage them to go on in the work of the Lord, manifesting the same diligence and perseverance in the future as they have done in the past, and earnestly pray that the great Head of the Church may prosper to a still greater extent all the efforts that we have put forth for the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

The Presbytery met next day and the trials and examinations of Mr Burgess were sustained.

The attention of the court was then called to the "Aged and Infirm Ministers Fund," which the Synod at last meeting resolved to form, as more fully set forth in the *Record* for November, 1869, where the proposed rules of management are printed and sent down for the consideration of Presbyteries, it was resolved that the attention of the brethren be called in the meantime to this Fund and the proposed scheme of management, and be prepared to take action thereon at the next ordinary meeting.

The Presbytery met again in the evening. The Edict aeneat the ordination of Mr. Burgess, which was read to the congregation of Carleton on the 17th April by the Rev. N. McKay, was now returned to the Presbytery duly attested. A member of Presbytery was now again sent to read the Edict to the assembled congregation and ask if there were any objection. Having returned and reported that there was none, the Presbytery as constituted entered the Church and commenced the services of the Ordination. The Church was well filled with a most attentive audience.

The Moderator after devotional exercises preached an excellent and suitable sermon from the words—"Let a man so account of us as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful;" First Corinthians, 4th Chap. and 1st and 2nd verses. At the conclusion of the sermon, he narrated the steps which had been taken so far in the settlement, and explained briefly the scriptural grounds of Presbyterian ordination, after which he put the questions prescribed for such occasions to Mr. Burgess, which were satisfactorily answered. The members of the congregation were then called on to stand up and hold up their right hands in token of their adherence to the call; which they did very cordially. The Moderator then led in prayer, when Mr. Burgess was set apart to the work of the Ministry by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, and was inducted into the pastoral charge of Carleton and Pisirimco. Mr. Bennet

being absent, Mr. Houston then addressed the newly ordained pastor, dwelling particularly on four points, viz., Pulpit Preparation, Pastoral Visitation, Government and Discipline, both in his own charge and in the entire Church, and the duties which he owes to the world at large. Mr. Houston also delivered the charge to the congregation, enjoining them to pray for their Minister, to honor him for his work's sake, to attend to what he says reverently, to be fellow-workers with him in all spiritual labours, and lastly to provide a competent temporal support for him. These last two topics were treated at some length and with great emphasis and fervor.

At the close of the service Mr. Burgess accompanied by Mr. Murray took his stand at the door of the Church where as the congregation passed out he was most cordially welcomed to the oversight of the charge.

The Presbytery having again assembled in the Vestry, the Minutes of the last two Sederunts were read and approved. Mr. Burgess's name was added to the roll, having already received the right hand of fellowship from the brethren. He then stated to the Presbytery that there is but one Elder in Carleton and he is often absent on business, and asked that assessors be appointed so that he can form a session. Rev. Mr. Houston and Alexander Stewart, Esq., were then appointed assessors.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in St. David's School-room on the third Wednesday of June, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

At the conclusion of the addresses Mr. Houston in the name of Mrs. Low, and with the best wishes of the congregation, presented the newly ordained pastor with a splendid Pulpit Gown, cassock and bands.

Presbytery of Halifax.

The Presbytery of Halifax met in Chalmers Church on Wednesday May 4th. The principle object of meeting was to consider the Calls addressed to Rev. John McLeod, of Newport, from John Knox's Church, New Glasgow, and Rev. E. Annand, of Windsor, from Chalmers Church, Halifax. Commissioners were present from the four congregations interested, and Rev. J. McKinnon was present on behalf of the Presbytery of Pictou. The Call to Mr. McLeod was first taken up and Commissioners from both congregations heard. The claims of John Knox's Church were put very strongly by its representatives; and the Commissioners from Newport replied with great point and earnestness. They showed the great work Mr. McLeod had been instrumental in accomplishing and the evil influences likely