

Sederunt the Rev. Messrs. Sedgewick, Duff, McGregor and Clarke. Rev. Mr. Murray, the Clerk, not being able to attend, had forwarded papers. Rev. P. G. McGregor was appointed Clerk *pro tempore*. The whole day was occupied in hearing the trial exercises prescribed by Presbytery, at its last meeting, to Messrs. Donald McMillan and John Morton, probationers.

These exercises were delivered by the young men alternately, and consisted of a Lecture and Popular Sermon and a Homily, each, on texts and subjects previously appointed, followed by a Latin Exegesis and an Exercise with additions. Several portions of the New Testament were read in Greek, and a chapter of the Old Testament in Hebrew, and the examination closed by a series of questions on different departments of practical theology.

These exercises were criticized occasionally as they were delivered, and finally, the young men having withdrawn, the Presbytery, taking a conjoint view of the whole, sustained them as highly satisfactory, and agreed to proceed with the contemplated ordinations. The Presbytery considering that, during the whole time which intervened since these trial exercises were given out, Messrs. McMillan and Morton had to conduct public religious services in the congregations which had called them, agreed unanimously to express their high sense of the diligence which they had displayed in making preparation, and of the success which had crowned their efforts.

ORDINATION OF MR. McMILLAN.

On Wednesday morning the Presbytery met in the Church at the Cross Roads, Lower LaHave, for the ordination of Mr. McMillan. The Rev. R. Sedgewick conducted the first part of the religious services, and preached an able and appropriate discourse from John xvii. 10 to a large and most attentive congregation, and having narrated the steps, and received satisfactory answers to the Formula of Questions, offered the ordination prayer, when, with the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, Mr. McMillan was set apart to the office of the Holy Ministry, and inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Lower LaHave and New Dublin.

Mr. McMillan, having received the right hand of fellowship from the brethren of the Presbytery, was suitably addressed on the responsibilities, duties, difficulties and encouragements of the Pastorate by Rev. P. G. McGregor, and the congregation reminded of their privileges, and of the consequent duties which they owed as a congregation, as individuals and as families to their pastor, to one another and to the Great Master, by Rev. G. M. Clarke.

The Rev. Wm. Duff concluded the services by commending the pastor and people to God and to the Word of His Grace; and by giving out the closing Psalm, which was sung by the whole audience with deep feeling.

After the benediction the people in the usual manner welcomed their pastor.

Mr. McMillan has an interesting field of labour. The Church in which the ordination services were conducted is only a few miles from "the Ovens," and the quartz veins are visible crossing the road within a few hundred yards. Claims have been taken up to within quite a short distance of this, which is one of the centres of the congregation; and the opening of the approaching season will afford scope for all the evangelistic enterprise of several missionaries, could they be sustained. Thus the strangers brought together from different parts of the world in search of gold might be faithfully and frequently reminded of the claims of God and of the unspeakable worth of their souls.

ORDINATION OF MR. MORTON.

The drive from Lower LaHave to Bridgewater was, even in the gloomy month of December, intensely interesting. The river has no superior in Nova Scotia. As respects size, the commerce which it bears on its bosom, the continuity of farms and other indications of industry along its banks, the distance of navigable water, and the quiet beauty of its scenery, it not only has no superior, but no equal.

Bridgewater, near the head of the navigation, is a rising village, and presents at first view, convincing evidence of industry and commercial activity. These first impressions are confirmed by more careful examination. Three buildings, in conspicuous situations, show from their size and appearance, that they are devoted to