

enable him to give much interesting and important information.

The latest news from India regarding the famine are more cheering. The recent rain falls give promise of a "better time coming."

The Pope is said to be apparently near his last. He has become quite indifferent to the interests of the Church, a clear indication that the hour of dissolution is near at hand. Dr. Conroy, the Papal Ablegate has found it necessary to check the "programmists" in Quebec Province in their ambition to make the state subservient to the church.

The Rev. G. M. Grant's connection is to cease with St. Matthews at the end of Oct. immediately after which, he is expected to remove to his new sphere of duty, Kingston. We congratulate him on his appointment to the Principalship, and wish him many years of usefulness and happiness in his new field of labour.

ORDINATION SERVICE.

The ordination of Rev. J. C. Herdman took place on Tuesday evening last, in St. Andrew's Church, in presence of a large congregation. After the opening portions of the service were concluded, Rev. S. Houston, of Bathurst, took his text from Psalm 130, third and fourth verses. "If thou Lord, shouldst mark iniquities who shall stand. But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared," and delivered an able discourse, observing that religious feeling in modern times seemed less marked by those conflicts and periods of joy which characterized the lives of the saints. The Psalmist's cause of distress was very different from ours, which mostly arose from commercial embarrassments, family trials and sickness, but, if we rid ourselves of self-deceptions, our case would be the same as that mentioned in the text. When by the aid of the Spirit we could discern our sin and felt that God saw it, we should look on it differently from the world, which only thought of

the shame and not the sin. If man were left to himself he could not stand, but it was the promise of forgiveness which brightened the gloom. There were, however, two kinds of fear, servile fear and reverential fear associated with love, which was that of the Christian; there was still another fear, that of those who had not committed themselves to Him.

The 130th Psalm having been sung, the Rev. Mr. Houston announced they had assembled that evening for the purpose of ordaining Mr. J. C. Herdman, and gave the order of procedure.

Mr. Herdman having advanced to the pulpit, the Rev. T. G. Johnson, Moderator of Presbytery, put the usual questions, and then descending from the pulpit offered up prayer, during which Mr. Herdman knelt and received the laying on of hands, the Rev. Messrs. Anderson, Houston, Fogo, and McCulloch being present.

The Right Hand of Fellowship was then extended, an anthem being sung at the same time by the choir.

The Rev. J. Anderson, Clerk of the Presbytery, then addressed the newly ordained minister from the pulpit, in a practical discourse, reminding him of his duties, responsibilities and difficulties, and exhorting him to be a workman, not to be ashamed, and one not fearing to give an account of his stewardship. He dwelt on the necessity of the study of the bible, and human nature as depicted in literature and life, and to omit the attainment of no knowledge which might be useful in argument, and especially to cultivate personal piety, and in conclusion commended him to Christ.

The proceedings closed by singing the 126th Psalm.

We also observe that a call from Campbellton to Mr. J. C. Herdman, was read and sustained and put into his hands for consideration. The salary promised is \$800, and Manse will be provided. Meanwhile Mr. H. has the charge of Chatham for 4 months.