

Col. iii. 4. The Rev. Dr. Ferrier put the questions of the formula, offered up the ordination prayer, and addressed the minister and the congregation. The audience was large, and seemed deeply interested in the solemn services of the day. Besides the Presbytery, there were present eight ministers, including the Rev. Mr. Irvine of the Free Church, and the Rev. Mr. Burnet of the Church of Scotland, (both in Hamilton) and both of whom took part in the ordination by the imposition of hands. The place of meeting was the church belonging to the congregation in connection with the Scotch Establishment, which was politely offered by the Trustees, without solicitation; and the continued use of which, when unoccupied, is also offered to Mr. Lees and his congregation. He intends, we believe, to preach in the village of Ancaster on Sabbath forenoons, and alternately in Ancaster East, and Ancaster West, in the afternoons. The Presbyterians of the three denominations in the Township have generally united, and the settlement is exceedingly harmonious and comfortable. Mr. Lees, who is of Canadian training, we are persuaded will prove a very diligent and faithful pastor; and we earnestly hope the Divine blessing will abundantly attend his labours in so interesting and important a field. His call to it, (which was not his only one) presents an exception to the rule that a prophet has no honour in his own country.

FUND FOR AIDING STUDENTS.

Agreeably to appointment of Synod, several of the congregations have been visited on the business of this fund; and there appears a cordial disposition to support it. In every place arrangements were made for taking up a subscription in the course of two or three months; and some individuals made handsome offers on the spot. At Hamilton, on the 17th July, after a Committee had been unanimously appointed, a gentleman rose and said:—"If the congregation will contribute £50, I will add to it £25." Two days before, we saw another gentleman intimately acquainted with that city, who said:—"If Hamilton is well managed, £20 might be got from it." Without the slightest attempt at management—literally without anything but a plain, blunt statement of truth and duty, his estimate, we expect, will be about quadrupled. The simple fact is, many

of the people of Canada are rich, and those to whom the gospel is, from Sabbath to Sabbath, faithfully and earnestly preached, and whose hearts the Lord has touched, will, like similar people elsewhere, respond, whenever the duty and privilege of honouring the Lord with their substance are unfalteringly declared. It is not in sanctified humanity, on this, any more than on the other side of the Atlantic, to resist the argument from the constraining love of Christ. Dollars and Land are idols which, as such, shall be utterly abolished. Galilean! Thou hast conquered—and wilt conquer.

PROBATIONER LICENSED.

On the 4th of July, Mr. John Fotheringham, student in Divinity, was licensed by the United Presbyterian Presbytery of London, C. W. Mr. Fotheringham is an Orcadian by birth, but has been educated in Canada; and we shall be disappointed if he do not prove an honour to our denomination. For precision and accuracy he has rarely been surpassed; and should it please Providence to spare him, his attainments will not be limited in their range. He gained, two successive years, a prize for Hebrew in University college; and had he not left town before the end of the Session, he would, this year, without doubt, have gained the prize for Syriac and Arabic.

GODERICH.

The United Presbyterian Congregation here, lately called the Rev. John Fraser to be their Pastor; and the call having been sustained by the Presbytery of London, and accepted by Mr. Fraser, his Induction was appointed to take place on the 18th of July. The sphere of labour on which he enters is peculiarly interesting. Goderich is the key to a large and important district of country.

M'KILLOP.

In a letter to the Editor of the *U. P. Missionary Record*, the Rev. Mr. Barr says:—"I have now been fully a year over this charge. During that period, under the blessing of God, in addition to preaching every Sabbath to the congregation, I have taught a Bible-class throughout last summer, consisting of about fifty young persons; formed and kept up two weekly prayer-meetings; preached several times in the township of Grey; formed and supplied two stations, at which I preached once a fortnight—the one at Clinton, eight miles