

establishment would fall through.

In conclusion he conveyed the good wishes of the Colonial Committee towards the Church in this country.

Induction at Earltown.

On the 23rd ult., the Presbytery of Pictou met in the Church at Earltown, for the purpose of ordaining the Rev. D. McKenzie, Graduate in Theology of Princeton College, and inducting him to the pastoral charge of the united congregations of Earltown, The Falls and West Branch, River John.

Although the day was wet, a large congregation assembled. At eleven o'clock the Presbytery was constituted. The acting clerk proceeded to the door of the church, and announced in the usual way that if any person had any charge to make against the "life or doctrine" of Mr. McKenzie an opportunity was now given to bring forward such charges. No one having offered any objections the Presbytery then proceeded to hear the trial discourses of Mr. McKenzie, which were received as highly satisfactory. The ordination and induction services were then proceeded with in presence of the congregation. The Rev. James Fitzpatrick, B. A. preached an eloquent discourse from 2nd Chron. ch. 20, verse 12. "Our eyes are upon Thee."

The Rev. Robert McCunn, M. A. put the prescribed questions to Mr. McKenzie, and offered the ordination prayer, each member of Presbytery laying his right hand upon the head of Mr. McKenzie.

The Rev. Mr. Fraser then addressed the newly ordained minister, and the Rev. McMillan addressed the people.

We append the following extracts from the address delivered to the minister:

"Having been appointed by Presbytery to address you, the minister inducted this day to the pastoral charge of this

congregation, I now proceed to attempt to discharge the duty laid upon me. My task is a difficult one. It is true I might escape from many difficulties by indulging in colourless common-place. But such a course would be to say the least unsatisfactory. Nor would it be just for me to use the language of panegyric and bespatter with praise the congregation over which you are this day placed; and so retire from my task under cover of mutual admiration.

You have come from a Theological School where much attention is given to the art of preaching, and where the question of what should be preached is set forth with much precision and amplitude by men well qualified for the duty. It will not therefore be necessary for me to enlarge upon these matters. I shall accordingly draw your attention more to the other duties devolving upon you as minister of a large and widely scattered congregation. There are certain traditional usages which you must observe or take the consequences. You must for instance, visit your people once a year or so—and some of them a great deal oftener. If you fail in rigorously observing this custom the consequences will be most serious. As Dr. Jenkins, late moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, said when inducting a minister in Montreal, "some of your people will expect you to be with them when they have a cold as well as when they are dying." I need not here enter into the origin of this venerable usage, suffice it to say that it is an established custom of our beloved country, which it would be folly in you to overlook. In Scotland this custom is not regarded with such superstitious veneration as attaches to it here. It is related of the late Dr. Anderson of the U. P. Church, Glasgow, that a hearer once said to him, "Well, Doctor, you have been my minister for thirteen years, and have never yet been inside my house. To which the Doctor replied, "Thank God for that, sir, it is a proof