

And who is it that should compassionate their condition, and make vigorous exertions to relieve, at least, some of them, from that impending danger, which every moment threatens their eternal ruin? Who? but those that are alive to their lamentable condition, the church of Christ to which the truth, in its high application to the best interests of the lost and dying among men—is committed. In faithfully attending to such a trust, she is bound to use all the influence and energy of which she is capable, by means of her earnest prayers, affectionate remembrances, liberal contributions, and constant exertions in calling forth the assistance of all that are in authority, and possess influence, to her aid, against the mighty, that the prey be taken from him, and the lawful captive delivered. May the Lord himself bless her efforts and hasten it in *his time*.

PETER FERGUSON.

Esqueness, 25th May, 1837.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—On Thursday, the 7th day of March, this Presbytery met at Gananoque, for the purpose of inducting into the pastoral care of the congregation there, the Rev. Henry Gordon, who has been translated from the charge of White church, and King in the Presbytery of Toronto.

The Rev. John Machar, of Kingston, who had been appointed by the Presbytery to preside on the occasion, preached the Induction Sermon from 2d Corinthians, ch. iii. v. 2-5. He then put to Mr. Gordon, in presence of the congregation, the questions appointed to be put to ministers on such occasions, which are the same with those they are required to answer at their ordination; and Mr. Gordon having renewed the declarations, promises, and engagements made by him at his ordination, was received and admitted Minister of the Congregation.

The Rev. James Ketchan, Bellville, then severally addressed the newly admitted minister, and the congregation, on their mutual duties and responsibilities, when the services of the day were

concluded. A numerous congregation from the village and the surrounding country, manifested the liveliest interest in the whole proceedings of the day; and at their conclusion, took their minister by the hand at the church door, welcoming him among them.

His settlement is understood to be most harmonious, and a connection begun, under circumstances so favourable, affords the prospect, through the blessing of the Great Head of the Church, of the happiest results.

From the Standard.

THE DESOLATIONS OF BABYLON

From Isaiah xxxiv. 14-17.

Each wandering bird shall find its mate,  
not one shall wanting be;  
For in JEHOVAH'S Book 'tis writ;—go  
search the page and see!  
His voice has marshalled all their hosts:  
—who dare that voice condemn?  
From all the winds they bend their  
course; His Spirit musters them?  
For each the lot was cast of old: for  
each His hand the line  
O'er dreary desolations spread, and said,  
'These shall be thine;  
While ages roll, possess the land, where  
haughty kings did reign;  
For endless wrath shall be inscribed on  
Babylonia's plain.'  
He said,—and now where Babel stood,  
vast mouldering ruins lie;  
And scenes of gloomy wateness press  
upon the pensive eye,  
Where armies, in the pomp of war,  
once marched in proud array,  
There prowls the fierce and savage  
beast, and flits the bird of prey!  
There is the dreary lurking place of ev-  
ery doleful thing,  
Which earth or water could produce, or  
all the winds could bring.  
Such judgments fell upon the place,  
where stretched the tyrant's rod  
O'er thousand lands, in stern contempt  
of justice and of God.  
Nor loosened was the iron yoke, nor  
eased the captive's chain,  
Till ruthless Ruin laid it waste, ne'er to  
be built again! R.