

preach, the services were commenced by the Rev. Mr. Byers. He selected as the opening song of praise Psalm xvi. 13-18. The subject of discourse was; "The ministry of Jesus Christ." The preacher read Mat. v. 24-29. He took as his text more particularly the 29th verse, "He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes." Jesus Christ had been spoken of as a prophet to whom the people were to give heed. We find him in very early life earnestly preparing himself for his work. He subsequently spent much of his time publicly and privately speaking to the people. To this the text refers. In illustration the preacher spoke of, "The object which our Saviour had thus in view. His object in all that he said was instruction. He taught them. A variety of things were here mentioned which he might have had as his aim. But he thought rather of instruction. The second part of the discourse was "The things which Jesus taught them." He taught only such things as were true. When he spoke of himself and when he spoke of others, he spoke the things that were true. What he said of the Jews was true, and so was all which he said of the Gentiles. The revelations which he made of the Father were the truth. So was all which he made known respecting his own work. When he spoke of the Comforter the Holy Ghost, his sayings were still characterized by the truth. Whatever was the subject his words were the words of truth. He taught only such things as were important. Among all that he taught we find nothing of a trifling nature. Every thing which he taught was of the utmost importance to man. His instructions were also marked by a special suitability to his hearers. He taught such things as they were able to hear. He ever thought of what they needed to know. The third head was, "The manner in which he taught those things." Christ's teaching was plain and simple; earnest and faithful; tender and affectionate; and was diligent and persevering. This part of the service was terminated by the singing of Par. xxxix. 4-7.

The Moderator narrated the steps and put the questions of the formula. In the absence of Mr. Ross, the Clerk was called on to ordain; and Mr. McGillivray was accordingly now by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery ordained to the work of the ministry, and received the right hand of fellowship. He was then as had been appointed, addressed by Mr. Byers.—He had been set apart to the work of the Lord. He was an overseer. But it was the Holy Ghost who had made him an overseer. There were means to be used in qualifying for the work. But the work was the Lord's. He put in it whom he would. We receive the Gospel not by man nor of man. We

are ambassadors of Christ; and as his ambassadors in his stead beseech men. The position is high and the work is honorable. According as it is high and honorable it is responsible and solemn. The minister of the Gospel is an ambassador sent to beseech men. He is also a pastor. His work is to feed the flock of God, the flock which he purchased with his own blood. He is to feed them as Christ fed with knowledge.—He is a watchman, and as such he is to watch for souls. The minister of the gospel is not to weary in well doing. Then he will in due time reap a rich reward. His labours will not be in vain in the Lord.

Mr. CURRIE addressed the people in terms corresponding to the relation in which they stood to the young minister. They had heard their pastor addressed,—his work spoken of and his duties set before him. But the duties were not all on one side. They had their duties, and it would be well to remember them and to think of them. They were to esteem their pastor very highly in love for his work's sake. They were thus to esteem him, not on his own account, but his Master's account. He came in the name of Christ, and his words are—"he that receiveth you, receiveth me." They were to attend upon their pastor's public teaching and practise it. The preaching of the gospel is the grand means for the conversion of sinners and the edification of saints. They ought always if possible to be in their place in the sanctuary, "Those that are planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of our God." Present to hear, they ought to listen attentively. They were to beware of prejudice. Hearing they were to practise. Being hearers of the word they were also to be doers. They were to confide in their pastor. He ought to enjoy their confidence. In trouble of mind and in trouble of soul, it might be well for them to go and make their case known to him. He might often be enabled to direct them so as to remove their trouble. But although the case might be such that he could give no counsel respecting it, his sympathy and his prayers might be of great benefit. They were to be sparing of their pastors time.—He would require to spend much time in study. If deprived of this he could not bring out of his treasures things new and old.—They would be the sufferers. They were to pray for their pastor. This would be good both for them and for him. It would prepare them to be benefited by his labours public and private. Prayer would aid and support him in these labours. They were to pray especially for two things on behalf of their pastor. They were to pray that he might be faithful in declaring the whole counsel of God. And they were to pray that he might not be discouraged.