

sermon on the text, John iii. 16: "God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life," and a lecture on Romans i. 1-5. In Hebrew he was examined on the first chapter of Genesis; in Church History on the first three centuries; in Divinity on Hill, Book iv., and the Shorter Catechism.

It was then moved by Mr. Campbell, and seconded by Mr. McMillan, that the Presbytery having heard Mr. Hugh A. Robertson's examination, do, on a review of his whole appearance, and on a consideration of the special circumstances of his case, agree that he should be licensed to preach the Gospel to the heathen. The questions of the formula for license, as prescribed by the Church, being put to Mr. Robertson, were satisfactorily answered, and he was licensed in due form to preach the Gospel. He was then instructed to sign the formula contained in the Presbytery's Minute book, and thereafter receive from the Clerk an extract of license.

The Moderator then submitted a statement of the course next to be adopted with regard to the special ordination of Mr. Robertson, which, after some discussion, was accepted by the Presbytery, and the Presbytery, in *hac re*, agreed to meet at 7 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of ordination, Divine service to commence at 7.30, the Moderator to preach and preside; the Rev. John Campbell to give the ordination charge; and the Rev. John McMillan to address the people.

Mr. James Fraser Campbell, Divinity Student of the University of Glasgow, made application to the Presbytery to be taken on trials for license, which application was laid over for consideration at next regular meeting.

On application of Rev. John McMillan, it was agreed to grant supplement of \$50 up to first of September next, and the Clerk was directed to give him an order for the same on the Treasurer of the Presbytery's Home Mission.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet again at 7 P. M.

DANIEL MCCURDY,
Pres. Clerk.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, }
Halifax, Aug. 11, 1871, 7 P. M. }

The Presbytery being constituted, met, as adjourned, for the ordination of Mr. Hugh A. Robertson as an Evangelist to the heathen. It was agreed that only ordained ministers are qualified to take part in the imposition of hands in this and in all future ordinations by this Presbytery.

Public worship was conducted according to appointment of Presbytery by the Moderator, who preached from Acts i. 8, an appropriate and earnest discourse to a large and attentive congregation. Thereafter he stated the special object of the meeting, and narrated the steps taken with a view to this ordination. Mr. Campbell then called the attention of Presbytery to the presence in the congregation of several brethren in the ministry of the sister Presbyterian body, and requested the Moderator, in the name of the Presbytery, to invite them to sit, deliberate, and otherwise take full part in the ordination services, which was accordingly done. In response to the invitation thus given, the Rev. Messrs. Simpson, Annand and Forrest of Halifax, and Rev. Mr. Falconer, of Dartmouth, came forward and took their seats with the Presbytery. The Moderator having put the several questions of the formula, and received satisfactory answers, proceeded with the ordination prayer and imposition of hands, thus setting Mr. Robertson apart to the exercise of the Christian ministry, and fervently commending him to the grace of God for the higher qualifications of a faithful, able and successful minister of the New Testament in the far distant heathen lands to which he is being sent, in the Divine Master's name, with the word of reconciliation. The Moderator and Presbytery then gave the right hand of fellowship to the Missionary, with a hearty God-speed to the workman in this great labour of love; after which the children of the Sunday School, who were assembled in the gallery of the church, sang the Missionary Hymn, the congregation joining. The Rev. John Campbell gave the charge to the minister, and the Rev. Mr. McMillan addressed the people in impressive and appropriate words of exhortation.