

them to engage and send out two Missionaries as soon as possible, and two more in the course of the summer, to act under the superintendence of, and to be supported by, the Presbytery ;—and, further, to apply, on behalf of the nine vacant congregations who wish to have settled Ministers, both to the Glasgow Colonial Society, and to the General Assembly's committee on Colonial Churches, and request them to endeavour, if possible, to send out the requisite number of Probationers, and to give them some assistance to come out,—assuring them of the prospect of immediate settlement.

The Presbytery instructed the ministers, in the meantime, to visit the different Missionary stations, in their respective neighbourhoods, and preach, and make such arrangements for the election of Elders and the organization of Churches as they may see to be necessary, and report to next meeting of Presbytery.

The Presbytery met, again, at King, on Wednesday the 8th March, by special appointment, and ordained Mr. John Tawse to the ministry, and inducted him to the Pastoral charge of the congregation of King. Mr. Leach preached the ordination sermon ;—Mr. McKillican offered up the ordination prayer, and addressed the minister ;—and Mr. Leach gave the address to the congregation.

The next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held in the city of Toronto, on the second Tuesday in May next, at the hour of six, P. M.

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PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—The Presbytery of Hamilton having taken the preliminary steps required by the laws of the Church, in relation to the election of Mr. Alexander Gardiner, a probationer of the Church of Scotland, to the Pastoral office in the Church at Fergus—met at that place on the 22nd day of February for his ordination. The Rev. Alexander Gale, minister of Hamilton—who presided on the occa-

sion—having preached the ordination sermon from 2. Corinthians ii. 15 and 16, read a narrative of the Presbytery's previous proceedings in the case, from which it appeared that a most harmonious call, under the moderation of the Presbytery, had been given to Mr. Gardiner by the heads of families connected with this Church ; that in the trial of his qualifications Mr. Gardiner had given entire satisfaction to the Presbytery, and that due notice having been given to all concerned, none had appeared to object to his life or doctrine.

Mr. Gardiner was then called upon to answer the questions appointed to be put to Ministers at their ordination, and the requisite declarations, promises and engagements, having been obtained from him, he was solemnly invested with the full character and powers of a Minister of the Gospel, by prayer, and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery. The presiding Minister then formally received and admitted Mr. Gardiner as Minister of the Church and congregation of Fergus, and gave him the right hand of fellowship, in which he was followed by the other members of the Presbytery.

The Rev. Mr. Stark of Dundas, and the Rev. Mr. Bayne of Galt, then addressed the Minister and congregation respectively, earnestly and affectionately exhorting the former to watch over the flock committed to his care, and the latter to be respectful to their pastor, and careful to profit by his ministrations.

Public worship being concluded, Mr. Gardiner received at the Church door the congratulations and welcome of the large and respectable congregation which had witnessed the services of the day.

But these meagre details of the proceedings on this occasion give a very imperfect idea of the peculiar interest and solemnity which they possessed for those present. To be able to enter into their feelings, it must be remembered that little more than three years have elapsed, since Fergus and the country around formed an unbroken solitary forest ; that its present inhabitants had for the greater part of that time been deprived of those religious ordinances