

became in the course of time greatly scattered.

All along, however, there were members of this congregation whose attachment to the Church of their Fathers was not to be shaken, and who, in the untoward circumstances referred to, sympathized with the difficulties of the Presbytery in granting, while they received thankfully, the *small* amount of supply which could be afforded, anticipating, as they did, the arrival of a better state of things, in which the house, that they had erected for the worship of the Lord of Hosts, should again be, as in former days, to themselves and their families a place of regular resort to receive there the weekly lessons of the Gospel.

Twelve years form a considerable period in the history of a family or of a congregation, and amid the hope deferred of ever again having a minister of the "Auld Kirk" to break among them the Bread of Life, in this case doubtless, as well as in many similar ones throughout the Province, there were not a few sincere friends of our Scottish Zion, whose attachment was sorely tried by the many silent Sabbaths over which they had to mourn, or by the inducements held out to them to become connected with some other denomination.

To those who left not their first love—to the tried adherents of our Church in that congregation, it was doubtless a happy day on which they welcomed, as they did so heartily, their present minister, the Rev. John Brown, whose settlement among them, we earnestly pray, may be eminently conducive to their spiritual good.

The Congregation, though at present comparatively small, is yet more favourably situated than many others in respect of the *material* elements of prosperity, being already possessed of a comfortable and substantial brick church, entirely free of debt, and an excellent glebe of 40 acres of land, mostly cleared, upon which they are about to erect a manse.

Mr. Brown has been only a few months in this Country, and since his arrival has been chiefly employed as ordained missionary in the same field which he now occupies as a settled minister. He received his license, and ordination also, in Scotland, where he for some time discharged the duties of assistant in one of the parishes of the Established Church with great acceptance to the people. We cordially wish him great success and happiness in his new field of labour.

ORDINATION AT MARKHAM.—The Presbytery of Toronto met according to appointment at Markham on Tuesday, the 26th Sept., chiefly for the purpose of ordaining Mr. James Gordon to the office of the Holy Ministry, and of admitting him to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Markham. The following members of Presby-

tery were present, Rev. W. Cleland, Moderator, the Rev. Messrs. Macnaughton, Macmurchy, Barclay, Mackerras and Brown, Ministers, with Messrs. Stirling and Daniells, Elders,

The Edict of Ordination was returned as duly served by Rev. J. Barclay, who, by appointment of Presbytery, had preached at Markham on a previous Sabbath for the purpose. No objections to the life or doctrine of Mr. Gordon being made, the Moderator proceeded to the pulpit, and preached from II Timothy iii. 5. "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof."

At the conclusion of Divine service the usual questions were put to, and satisfactorily answered by, Mr. Gordon, who also came under all the other obligations prescribed by the laws of the Church. He was then by solemn prayer to Almighty God, and imposition of the hands of the Presbytery, set apart to the office of the Holy Ministry, and, receiving the right hand of fellowship from the brethren present, he was admitted to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Markham, and his name was ordered to be added to the Roll.

Suitable exhortations on their respective duties were then addressed by Mr. Brown to the Minister, and by Mr. Macmurchy to the people, who, as they retired from the Church, cordially welcomed their young Minister.

Mr. Gordon received his professional education at Queen's College, and is the fourth of its Students who, within the last 18 months, have been ordained to pastoral charges within their bounds. The friends of that seat of learning may well be encouraged to increased efforts in its behalf, when they thus begin to see the fruits of the labours of its professors in the introduction of its alumni as Ministers of the Word in our vacant congregations, and as labourers thus going forth, one after another, to cultivate the spiritually waste places of the land. Earnestly do we desire to see this process going on until all the adherents of our Church, and others who may be led from conviction to join her communion, shall have in their own neighbourhood the most ample opportunity of enjoying ordinances regularly administered within her pale. At the close of the proceedings of the day it was resolved that the Presbytery do meet at Scarboro on Tuesday, the 10th Oct., for the induction of the Rev. James Bain to the pastoral charge of that congregation, and an Edict to this effect was ordered to be served in the Church at Scarboro on Sabbath, the 1st Oct.

The Presbytery then adjourned.

INDUCTION AT SCARBORO.—The Presbytery of Toronto met, pursuant to adjournment, at Scarboro on Tuesday, the 10th Oct. at 10 o'clock forenoon for the induction of

the Rev. James Bain to the pastoral charge of the congregation. The Rev. John Brown, of Newmarket, presided as Moderator.

The Presbytery having been constituted, the Edict of Induction was returned as duly served. Intimation was then given to the assembled congregation that the Presbytery were met for the purpose (as set forth in the Edict) of inducting the Rev. James Bain, and were ready to hear any objections which might be made to his life or doctrine. No objections being offered, it was resolved to proceed forthwith to the induction. The Moderator then preached from Philipians ii. 1, 2.

"If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, fulfil ye my joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind."

Divine service being concluded, Mr. Bain having given satisfactory answers to the questions usually put to Ministers before admission to pastoral charges, and the remaining preliminary steps, as appointed by the Synod, having been satisfactorily completed, the Moderator did then, after solemn prayer to Almighty God, in name and by the authority of the Presbytery of Toronto induct the Rev. James Bain to be Minister of the congregation of Scarboro in connection with the Church of Scotland, and to all the rights and privileges thereunto belonging. Mr. Bain then received the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator and the other brethren present.

The Rev. Peter Macnaughton, of Pickering, and the Rev. William Cleland, of Uxbridge, then addressed suitable exhortations to the Minister and to the people respectively; and the Clerk was instructed to add Mr. Bain's name to the Presbytery Roll.

The congregation were then dismissed, and at the door of the Church had an opportunity of giving a hearty welcome to their pastor.

Mr. Bain, between whom and the congregation of Scarboro the formation of the pastoral tie is now completed, has laboured since last year as an ordained missionary amongst the people over whom he has now been settled as a permanent Minister. Mr. Bain's reception by the Presbytery of Toronto in the month of December last was noticed in the *Presbyterian* at the time, and his admission was confirmed by the Synod at its meeting in May last. His lengthened experience as a minister of the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, from which denomination he brought the most flattering testimonials, and the reputation he has achieved for himself as an able and acceptable minister of the Lord, warrant the most favourable expectations being cherished of his success in his present important field of labour.