

appointed a form of government and discipline. The form of government for the church is clearly laid down in the word of God. He has his throne also in the hearts of his people. He moves their conscience and inclines their will.

IV. Our relation to him. Being set up by the Father, his king upon his holy hill of Zion, we stand to him in the relation of subjects to a sovereign divine and absolute, and owe him a corresponding obedience and submission. As his subjects we are to resist every usurpation of his prerogative and withstand every other assumption of his royalty. This may be done in civil society, the magistrate or ruler assuming the headship of the church, and legislating for her government and giving commands respecting her ordinances. Or it may be done in ecclesiastical domination, the officer forgetting that his function is ministerial presuming on legislating. This is seen in all its hideousness in the Roman hierarchy. The sovereign pontiff is the declared head of the church. He even with his assumption of headship over the church, claims to be king over the nations, thus usurping all that belongs to the Son's mediatorial sovereignty. Resisting such usurpation we are to how to his will in all things. His appointments we are to honour. His ordinances we are to observe. His laws we are to revere. His will we are to follow out, doing according as he directs us for advancing his cause and promoting his honour. The preacher concluded with a few words of practical application and personal appeal.

After the usual devotional services, the Clerk of Presbytery, in the absence of the Rev. W. M'Culloch, narrated the steps and put the questions of the formula. Mr Johnston having signified his assent to them was by prayer and the laying on of hands ordained to the work of the holy ministry, an evangelist to the heathen, and received from the Presbytery the right hand of fellowship and part in the ministry of the Gospel. The ordination prayer was offered up by the Rev Dr Smith who appeared deeply impressed, his feelings several times overcoming him. It was evident that the relation between the honoured servant of Christ and the young missionary was of the nearest and most endearing description. The professor was praying for one of

his pupils on having reached the point to which both had, throughout a long course of study, been looking forward. The pastor was praying for one of the lambs of the flock on being set apart to the most honourable and trying service of the Redeemer, and the highest office in the christian church. The father was praying for one of his own spiritual children on having grace being given him to go and preach unto the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ. Our best wishes for Mr Johnson are that fervent affectionate prayers of faith may be heard and answered. To this desire the one thousand then present will no doubt, readily and heartily respond Amen.

ADDRESS TO THE MISSIONARY.

Mr. Johnson, being ordained and having received the right hand of fellowship, was addressed to the following effect by the Rev. E. E. Ross, of Upper Londonderry:—

Dear brother, the position in which you stand before the Church this day is a solemn one. You are the ambassador of this King whom the father has set upon his holy hill of Zion. Your position, solemn tho' it is, is also dignified. The ambassador of an earthly sovereign is esteemed a person of dignity; what then the dignity of the man who goes forth the accredited ambassador of the Lord, to treat with the nations in the name of Him who was set up from everlasting. According to the dignity, so is the wisdom, the courage, the manliness required. You are not needing to be told that the kingdom of which you have been hearing is a revolted kingdom. You have to do only with those who are in a state of revolt. We around you have to declare His will to enemies, but there are friends as well as enemies.—You propose to address yourself exclusively to enemies. The position you occupy is one of great honor, but it is honor accompanied with great danger. You are exposed to great danger now, for whilst the position you occupy is honorable it is likewise prominent. You are this day observed of all observers. You are in danger of a spiritual nature. I warn you against danger from within, against spiritual pride. In any Church danger is great, but in ours, or any connection with which there are a few missionaries, it is extreme. Y