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ORDINATION AT LITCHFIELD.

The Presbytery of Bathurst met at Litchfield on Wednesday, 23rd August, for the purpose of ordaining the Revd. John Lindsay, preacher of the Gospel. Mr. Spence, of Bytown, presided as Moderator *pro tempore*.

The Revd. Peter Lindsay, of Richmond, preached an excellent sermon on the occasion from Gal. vi. 14, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." After divine

service Mr. Spence having explained to the congregation the purpose for which they had met, and having pointed out the steps already taken by the Presbytery, put to Mr. Lindsay the questions to be put, by the authority of the Church, to those who are about to be ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry, and received satisfactory answers to the same; Mr. Lindsay, having likewise expressed his assent to the Act anent the spiritual independence of the Church, was then by solemn prayer, and laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, set apart to the office of the Ministry. Mr. Spence then addressed the minister, and afterwards the Revd. Mr. Thompson, of Renfrew, delivered a most appropriate and practical address to the people.

This is an interesting settlement on the Ottawa, a locality where there is the prospect of a numerous congregation; and, Mr. Lindsay being a young man of great promise, we heartily congratulate the Congregation of Litchfield on the choice they have made of a Pastor.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

INDUCTION AT NEWMARKET.—This Presbytery held a special meeting at Newmarket on the 30th August for the induction of the Rev. John Brown to the pastoral charge of the congregation connected with the Church of Scotland, in that place. The Rev. John Barclay presided, and preached from II. Samuel xxiv. 24.—"Neither will I offer burnt-offering unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing." The remaining services were then proceeded with: and, Mr. Brown having given satisfactory answers to the

questions appointed to be put in such cases, having assented to the Act of Synod (9th Sept., 1844) anent the spiritual jurisdiction of this Church, and having declared his readiness to subscribe the formula and to contribute to the Widows' Fund, Mr. Barclay did then, in name and by authority of the Presbytery of Toronto, formally admit Mr. Brown to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Newmarket. Mr. Brown then received the right hand of fellowship from the brethren present, and his name was ordered to be added to the Roll. Suitable exhortations on their respective duties were then addressed to the minister by the Rev. John Fraser, and to the people by the Rev. William Cleland.

The members of the congregation, as they retired from the Church at the close of the proceedings, gave a most cordial welcome to their new minister.

We cannot close this hasty sketch of an event of a sort which in any case is full of interest to the minds of all who are concerned for the prosperity of the Church without adverting to the peculiar circumstances in which this settlement has taken place.

The vacancy, now happily terminated by the addition of another name to the Presbytery Roll, dates from Nov., 1842. For nearly 12 years the adherents of the Church in Newmarket and its neighbourhood have been destitute of the services of a fixed pastor, and during that time have received only such supply of sermon as could be furnished at distant intervals by the members of Presbytery. As might be expected, the once flourishing congregation