

hence his friends resolved that he should study for the Church. He first studied in the Grammar School there, then under charge of Mr. John Hardie, and soon gave promise of great aptitude and ability. He afterwards attended the University of Fredericton, where he graduated with honours. We next find him at Kingston University, studying Divinity in its varied departments. His ambition soared higher still. He crossed the Atlantic and entered the Theological Classes in Glasgow University, and drank deeply at the fount of wisdom in that venerable Alma Mater. His ardent and aspiring intellect was fired and stirred with the eloquence of Dr. Caird and other eminent professors. He returned home, and was located, by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces, within the bounds of the Presbytery of Miramichi. He was licensed in August, 1871, and commenced his labours as Missionary at Black River and Red Bank, under the most favourable auspices. Since then his pulpit ministrations have given general satisfaction, and his quiet, unassuming, and gentlemanly demeanor have gained for him numerous friends.

More than six months previously, Mr. Russel made application to the Presbytery for ordination, and the Presbytery prescribed to him the usual subjects preparatory to such an important step.

On Wednesday, the 15th January, the Presbytery met at the Manse, Newcastle, for the purpose of hearing the examination and trial discourses of Mr. Russel. The Rev. Messrs. McDonald and Wilson conducted the examination, which consisted in reading and translating portions of the Greek Testament and the Hebrew Bible, a critical exegesis on Romans, ix 1-5, a lecture on the 4th Psalm, and a popular sermon on Galatians vi, 2nd and 5th verses.

The examination necessarily occupied a long time, and at its close Mr. Wilson addressed the Presbytery, and remarked that he had much pleasure in stating that he had conducted Mr. Russel's examination for license, and was then very highly impressed with his ability and scholarly attainments, and now the examination for ordination was indeed very satisfactory to the Presbytery, and highly creditable to Mr. Russel. He

had much pleasure in moving that the Presbytery now proceed to ordain.

The Presbytery then adjourned to St. James' Church, where a large congregation representing every denomination had assembled to witness the solemn service. Mr. Robertson of Tabusnitac, who should have preached and presided, being unable to be present, Mr. Wilson proceeded to the pulpit, and preached a very appropriate sermon from 1 Cor. i, 18, which was listened to with marked attention to its close. Thereafter Mr. Wilson put to Mr. Russel the questions appointed by the General Assembly to be put prior to ordination, and, having received very satisfactory answers, he descended from the pulpit, and, by solemn prayer and the imposition of hands, Mr. Russel was set apart by the Presbytery to the sacred office of the Ministry. The Rev. Mr. McDonald then addressed the newly-ordained minister, in a brotherly and affectionate manner, welcoming him as a co-laborer, and expressed the hope that, as God's servant, he might be eminently successful in winning souls to Christ.

Brief addresses were then given by the Rev. Messrs. Sutcliffe and Webb, in the interests of Home Missions, the collection in aid of which, taken at the close, amounted to about \$44.

We are sure we express the sentiments of the people generally when we cordially wish the recently-ordained minister "God speed," and every success in prosecuting the arduous duties of his calling, and that at last he may have many souls to his ministry.

### Missionary Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Missionary Society in connection with the Sabbath School of St. Andrew's Church, St. John, N. B., was held on the last Sabbath of the old year, in the school-room, which was filled, on the occasion, with an audience comprising scholars, teachers, and other ladies and gentlemen interested in the welfare of the Institution. Mr. Lindsay, S. S. Superintendent, presided; and, after giving a very interesting account of the work accomplished by the Society during the past year, called upon Mr. James Kennedy to read the annual Report. The report,