

## News of the Churches.

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**ORDINATION OF MR. S. N. JACKSON.**—Early in April, Mr. Samuel N. Jackson, who had completed his course of study in the Congregational College of B. N. A., and who was about to proceed westward to engage in the work of Evangelization under the direction of the Western District Missionary Committee, was ordained to the Christian Ministry at the call and by the request of the church in Montreal, assembling in Zion Church. The introductory services were conducted by the Rev. Professor Cornish. Dr. Wilkes, the Pastor of the church, gave a statement of principles indicating what was meant by ordination in Congregational Churches. He also asked the usual questions which were responded to in a truly modest, serious and satisfactory manner by Mr. Jackson: leaving a highly favorable impression upon all. The Rev. C. P. Watson offered the ordaining prayer; and Dr. Lillie delivered to the young minister an appropriate charge. The services were characterized by simplicity and spirituality: affording encouragement to our young brother at the commencement of his work.—I. W.

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**INSTALLATION AT COWANSVILLE.**—On the 5th of May the Rev. Charles P. Watson was installed as pastor of the Congregational Churches of Cowansville and Brome. The service was held in Cowansville, and notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, there was a large attendance of the members and congregations of both churches. After the introductory services conducted by the Rev. Samuel N. Jackson, and the singing of an excellent anthem composed by the pastor elect, the Rev. G. B. Bucher, of Granby, gave a discourse in which the distinctive views of our order were concisely, clearly and ably set forth. In answer to the inquiry made by the Rev. Dr. Wilkes as to the call given by the churches to Rev. Mr. Watson, responses were made by deacon H. N. Jackson, of the church of Brome, and Mr. W. Stevenson, clerk of the church at Cowansville, both stating that the call was unanimous and cordial. Mr. Watson then spoke concerning his call, of the churches, and of his intentions and hopes as pastor elect, after which he and his flocks were commended to God in prayer. The Rev. Dr. Wilkes, of Montreal, delivered an earnest and eloquent charge to the pastor and churches, which was listened to with great satisfaction. After singing and the benediction by the pastor, the services were concluded.

Ministers of other denominations were invited, and would have given attendance had they not been prevented by their annual meetings held at the same time.

May this new relationship entered upon with so much cordiality by both pastor and people result in great good. "The Lord bless them and keep them: the Lord make his face shine upon them and be gracious unto them: the Lord lift up his countenance upon them and give them peace."  
S. N. J.

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**THE REV. JAMES HOWELL,** our old friend and brother, who resigned his charge as assistant minister of the Congregational at Liverpool, Nova Scotia, last Sept., but who, at their request, consented to prolong his stay with that people for six months, having completed his term, has accepted a very unanimous invitation which has been given by the Congregational Church in St. John's, Newfoundland, after spending a few weeks among them, and expects to enter upon his duties there early in July.

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**OUR VOLUNTEERS.**—It is difficult for those who are not personally acquainted with the matter to realize how large a proportion of the noble volunteers who have just rendered such signal service to the country are devoted and earnest followers of the Saviour. Take as a specimen that regiment which had the honor of being the first whose members shed their blood in defence of our soil, the "Queen's Own" of Toronto. There is scarcely a church or a Sunday-school in the city which is