

INDUCTION TO MACLEOD CHURCH.

Yesterday the Rev. James B. Dalgety, formerly assistant to the Rev. Dr. M^r Taggart, of St. James's Parish Church and previously a minister in British Guiana, was inducted to the pastoral charge of the Macleod Parish Church, Parliamentary Road, Glasgow, rendered vacant by the removal of the Rev. Wm. Milne to the Abbey Church, recently built in London Road, Edinburgh. The Macleod Church—which was known previous to its endowment by Mr. Houldsworth by the name of the Barony Chapel—was the outcome of the Sabbath-evening services to working people conducted by the late Rev. Dr. Norman Macleod. For a few years after its erection the evening services were confined to the same class of people, who attended in their working clothes, and communicants only from that class were admitted, none being accepted by certificate from other churches. It continued to be a truly mission church for several years, but in the course of time the original plan was found impracticable, and the doors were thrown open to all. The Church had become indented with the work of Dr. Norman Macleod; it was endowed and erected into a parish to his memory, and his name was appropriately given to it, through the instrumentality of Mr. Houldsworth. The original constitution by which the ministers were elected was in effect very similar to the new law of the Church under which Mr. Dalgety has been elected minister by the choice of the people.

The Presbytery met for the purpose of inducting Mr. Dalgety in the church at half-past seven o'clock in the evening—Mr. Hay, of Port-Dundas, presiding. Mr. Hay preached the induction sermon from the First Epistle of John, 3rd chapter, at the 23rd verse; and afterwards the statutory questions were put

to Mr. Dalgety, and satisfactorily answered by him. The newly-inducted pastor was then suitably addressed by Mr. Hay, who further exhorted the congregation on their duty to their minister and to the church. Mr. Dalgety likewise spoke briefly, and in the course of the evening he was presented with a pulpit gown, Bible, and Psalm-book, in name of the ladies of the congregation.

PARENTAL AUTHORITY.—No parent or teacher should ever issue a command without the highest degree of certainty that it will be obeyed. To command a child to do or to abstain from doing what under the circumstances, he will probably refuse or abstain from doing, is as false to duty as it would be in general to engage, voluntarily, in a battle where he was exposed to certain defeat. When the moral sense is weak, and the propensities strong, we must begin, in regard to the former, with the lightest conceivable duties. Present no temptation to the child which he has not strength to overcome. Let the temptation be increased only as the resistance is strengthened.—*Horace Mann.*

THE LORD'S POCKET-BOOK.—“Whose pocket-book is that you carry?” said a friend to a business man, as he drew a well-filled wallet from his pocket. “Why, *my own*, of course. Whose else could it be?” was the prompt reply. “To whom the pocket-book belongs depends on another question. If you belong to the Lord, I guess the purse is His also.” “Well,” said the man, thoughtfully, “I hope I do belong to the Lord, but your remark throws a new light on this subject. It never impressed me before, as it does just now, that I am to carry and use this pocket-book, *‘my pocket-book,’* as my Lord directs. I must think this matter out, for I confess honestly I never have looked at it in the light in which you place it.”—*The Christian Giver.*