

the missionary spirit as being an essential element of practical christianity, and ought especially to characterize all students and ministers of the gospel.

Mr. James Ferguson (student) seconded the motion.

A short statement of the summer labours of the senior students was then read by Mr. Ferguson of which we give the summary; 8 students were engaged as catechists; 15 diets of worship were held every sabbath; the total average attendance 3950; Families visited 637; Sabbath schools 14, attended by 480; Bible classes 6, attended by 166; Prayer Meetings 8, attended by 284.

The meeting was then addressed by the Rev. T. W. Reid, the Rev. J. Laing, and the Rev. T. Lowry of Gwillimbury.

Dr. Willis having again made a few remarks the meeting was closed with devotional exercises.

REV. JAS. BLACK—ORDINATION OVER CONGREGATIONS OF CALEDONIA, &c.

The above stations were under the care of the Rev. Dr. Ferrier, until the unhappy occurrences arose, which separated him from our communion—when a division took place—a portion of the people still adhering to Dr. Ferrier, and together with him connecting themselves with the United Presbyterian Synod—the remainder holding to their connection with the Presbyterian Church of Canada. The latter portion, considerable from the first, has been regularly supplied with the ministrations of word and ordinance, and has been steadily increasing in numbers. Mr. James Black, student, was early sent among them as a catechist, and laboured with great assiduity and acceptance; indeed he so won the affections and respect of all, that though, for two or three years past, the congregations have felt themselves quite strong enough to support a minister among them, they chose rather to wait till Mr. Black had finished his studies, and being licensed to preach the gospel, should be qualified to receive a call, than turn their view elsewhere; and their first love has not been weakened by subsequent intercourse and acquaintance. Mr. Black was lately licensed by the Presbytery of Hamilton, as a preacher of the gospel, with the most unanimous cordiality; and the same day, a request to moderate in a call was made to the Presbytery, by the congregations connected with Caledonia—the call resulted, as was anticipated, in favour of Mr. Black. The usual trials having been gone through, the Presbytery met on the 9th inst., for Mr. Black's ordination.—The edict was returned as duly served.—The Rev. Mr. Alexander, of Niagara, then preached a most impressive discourse from

Acts xxiii. 29, after which Mr. Cheyne put the usual questions, which having been answered satisfactorily, he proceeded with the ordination services, and Mr. Black was, by solemn prayer, and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, set apart to the office of the Holy Ministry, as pastor of the Congregation at Caledonia and the associated stations. He then received the right hand of fellowship from the members of Presbytery, and his name was ordered to be added to the Roll. Thereafter, Mr. Cheyne addressed Mr. Black on the duties of his office, and Mr. Stark addressed the people. An opportunity was, as usual, afforded to the congregation, at the close of the solemn and interesting services of the day, to welcome their young pastor, which they did most heartily.

In the evening a soiree was held, under the auspices of the ladies of the congregation, the preparations for which were made in the most liberal manner. A considerable number attended, which would have been much greater, but for the bad state of the roads, and also a most unfortunate event, which had occurred the night before, in the burning of the new and extensive woollen factory of Ronald McKinnon, Esq., by which he himself suffers a very severe loss, and about fifty persons were thrown out of employment, and many of them out of house and home, by the burning of the boarding-house in connection with the factory. Several addresses were delivered; the evening was passed cheerfully and agreeably, and apparently to the satisfaction of all.

I trust that the bond which was that day sealed between pastor and people, will be greatly blessed to all concerned, and that fruit will appear many days hence, to the glory of the Redeemer.

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MADEIRA—LETTER FROM DR. KALLEY.

The subjoined letter from Dr. Kalley, so well known in connexion with the religious movement among the Portuguese in the Island of Madeira, will speak for itself. Dr. Kalley's labours were greatly blessed. About seven years ago a large number of Portuguese converts left their native Island, proceeding first to Trinidad, and afterwards to the United States, where they are now comfortably settled in Illinois. Some remained in Madeira, and these are now exposed to the combined calamities of famine and persecution. Most iniquitous laws have, at the instigation of Popery, been enacted for the purpose of crushing, if possible, the cause of the Gospel. Dr. Kalley is anxious to obtain means for the removal of two hundred suffering converts from Madeira to Illinois. We know of few