

ng their way from the various *concessions* and *side-lincs* to the one point of attraction, the church, where the solemn services of the day were appointed to take place. Shortly after 11 o'clock, every available seat in the large church was occupied.

The services of the day were conducted by the Rev. John Barclay, M. A., of Toronto, who preached from GAL. IV. 5, "That we might receive the adoption of sons." Thereafter the usual questions, appointed to be put to ministers previous to ordination, having been satisfactorily answered by Mr. Watson, he was solemnly ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry; and, having received the right hand of fellowship from the brethren present, he was admitted to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Thorah. The Rev. P. McNaughton, M. A., of Pickering, and the Rev. John McMurchy, of Eldon, then addressed suitable exhortations to the Minister and people respectively, part of the address to the people being in *Gaelic*, which is the native tongue of a large portion of the people.

At the close of the proceedings the young Minister received a most cordial welcome from the congregation; and he commences his labours among them with the most encouraging prospects of success.

Although the congregation of Thorah has been organized for 20 years, Mr. Watson is the first Minister of the Synod who has been settled over it. This long delay arose from the great scarcity of ministers connected with the Church of Scotland in the Province. But, although the adherents of the Church in Thorah have only now succeeded in obtaining a pastor to break among them the Bread of Life, and during their long deprivation of the regular ministrations of public ordinances had but a very small amount of supply of sermon furnished by the Presbytery, yet their firm adherence and unwavering attachment to the Church of their fathers have been most exemplary. In connection with this highly encouraging state of things, honourable mention must here be made of a prominent member of the congregation of Thorah, and an enlightened friend of the Church of Scotland, Colonel Kenneth Cameron, a gentleman who, having done good service to his country in another department of duty, has, in his present retirement from the toils and perils of the arduous profession in which his earlier years were spent, continued to watch over and share in the struggles of this congregation during its long destitution of public ordinances. Col. Cameron's example, and the influence which his position and character so justly give him with his neighbours, have done much to confirm the adherents of the Church of Scotland in that locality in their attachment to our Scottish Zion. And, now that after the lapse of so many years their prayers and efforts have resulted in the harmonious settlement

of a pastor, under whose care the congregation has the prospect of attaining a large measure of prosperity, it is due to the gentleman we have named that this public testimony should be borne to the prudence and zeal with which he has helped to sustain the cause of the Church of Scotland in that quarter of the country.

ORDINATION AT DARLINGTON.

The Presbytery of Toronto met in the Scotch Church, Bowmansville, in the Township of Darlington, on Tuesday, the 20th September, for the ordination of Rev. J. H. McKerras, M. A., to the pastoral charge of the congregation there. At 10 o'clock the Presbytery was constituted, and, the remainder of Mr. McKerras's trials having been heard and approved of, the edict of ordinance was returned as duly served by Rev. J. Barclay, who had preached there on the 11th Sept. by appointment. The congregation having assembled at 11 o'clock, the usual intimations were made, calling for objections to the life or doctrines of Mr. McKerras. No objection being offered, it was resolved to proceed forthwith to the ordination. Whereupon the Rev. John Barclay at the desire of the Presbytery proceeded to the pulpit and preached from MATTH. VI. 20, "But lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, &c." Mr. Barclay then detailed the steps which had been taken towards the present settlement; and, after referring to the state of the congregation and to their lengthened destitution of the regular ministrations of the Gospel, he congratulated them on the arrival of this day, from which a new order of things was in the good providence of God about to begin among them; and further expressed the satisfaction with which the Presbytery had agreed to ordain as a Minister of the church at Darlington (which had been so long vacant) one from whose reputation as a student, and acceptability as a preacher, the most favourable expectations might be cherished.

Mr. McKerras, having thereafter answered satisfactorily the usual questions, was, by solemn prayer and the laying-on of the hands of the Presbytery, ordained to the office of the ministry, and with the right hand of fellowship admitted to the charge of the congregation of Darlington, and to all the rights and privileges thereunto belonging. The Rev. James George, of Scarborough, then addressed the newly ordained Minister on the important duties which now devolved upon him; and the people were addressed by the Rev. S. Porter, of Clarke. The congregation was then, after prayer and praise, dismissed with the benediction, and the people, as they retired, had an opportunity, of which they most gladly availed themselves, of giving a hearty welcome to their young Minister.

Thus another of those pastoral charges,

(of which there are so many in this Presbytery) which have been for many years destitute of ministers, has been filled up. For this, as well as for the settlement at Thorah, the Church is indebted to Queen's College, at which seat of learning both Mr. Watson and Mr. McKerras received their University Education. It must be highly encouraging to the friends of that seat of learning to find the young men, who go forth from its halls, thus entering with every prospect of success on fields of usefulness in the Lord's Vineyard, and devoting the talents which have been there trained and disciplined, and the knowledge there acquired, to the cultivation of the waste places of Zion. It also furnishes an inducement to the adherents of the Church generally to give their countenance and aid, in larger measure than ever, to an Institution on which the Church of Scotland in Canada must chiefly rely for its future supply of ministers.

ORDINATION AT RICHMOND, U. C.

The Rev. Peter Lindsay was ordained by the Presbytery of Bathurst on Wednesday, the 12th of October. The Rev. John McMorine, of Ramsay, preached an excellent and appropriate sermon from ROM. X. 17. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." After which the usual questions, prescribed by our Church for occasions of this kind, were put to Mr. Lindsay, which he satisfactorily answered. He also gave his assent to the Act of Spiritual Independence of our Church. Mr. Lindsay was then solemnly ordained to the pastoral charge of the Richmond congregation by prayer and the laying-on of the hands of the Presbytery; after which the young Minister was addressed in an admirable manner by the Rev. Alexr. Spence, of Bytown, and the people in earnest and appropriate terms by the Rev. Wm. Bain, of Perth. The Rev. Dun. Morrison, of Beckwith, presided.

The day was fine, and many had come from a considerable distance to witness a scene so solemn and sacred as that of ordination; and at the close of the services, which seemed to exert a sweet and hallowed influence over the whole assembly, Mr. Lindsay was cordially welcomed by his people, over whom he is now made the overseer in the Lord.

Mr. Lindsay was a Student of Queen's College, and on leaving it carried with him the esteem of the professors, and its literary and scientific honours. He, together with the Rev. J. A. McKerras, a young gentleman of the highest promise, was licensed on Tuesday, the 9th of August last, by the Presbytery of Bathurst. Since that time he has been employed as a missionary, chiefly about Richmond, where, to his credit as a devoted and persevering servant of the Lord, he has rallied together the scatter