

mination to confess Christ publicly was known, he one morning received a letter summarily dismissing him, although he had been two years and a half in the family, and enjoyed the confidence of his employers.—His wife was likewise dismissed from being preceptress in a Roman Catholic school of industry, the only reason assigned being, "that they had no confidence in people who changed their religion." After a most satisfactory examination, we recommended both for baptism, and they were publicly admitted into the Christian church. Since then they have sat down with us at the Lord's table. Twenty-one communicants, chiefly baptized Israelites, partook last Lord's day at this solemn ordinance.

#### CHEERING EVIDENCES OF SUCCESS.

Our colporteurs are all returned from their various journeys, and we are, as usual, engaged in imparting such instruction in theology as will be useful for their further services. A fuller report of their labours, we expect, will afterwards be laid before you; meanwhile, we may remark, no year has been so signally blessed as the past. The sale of the Scriptures for the year will be above 4000 copies—chiefly disposed of to individuals who paid for them cheerfully, and often held deeply interesting conversations with the distributors. Purchasers have appeared among all grades of society—officers, lawyers, doctors, soldiers, policemen, peasants, and Jews. Tracts and books in considerable quantity have also been sold. The intercourse with the Jewish community has been unprecedentedly great. Notwithstanding the disturbed state of the country, this extensive sphere of labour has not been interfered with. The "good seed of the kingdom" has now, during the last few years, been in some measure at least sown throughout the land: much of the fruit may not be seen till years hence, and some not till the great and final day of account.

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#### ORDINATION OF THE REV. ANDREW WILSON.

The ordination of Mr. Andrew Wilson, preacher of the Gospel, to the charge of the United Congregations at Port Dover, Simcoe and Vittoria, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, took place at Simcoe, on Wednesday, the 29th of January. Notwithstanding the extreme severity of the weather, and the distance of the Stations from each other, there was a good attendance; and the body of the Congregational Church, where the ordination took place, and which has been kindly granted for the use of the congregation, was well filled by a respectable and apparently deeply interested audience. The Rev. Geo. Paxton Young, of Hamilton, preached and presided. The Rev. M. Y.

Stark, of Dundas, addressed the Minister, and the Rev. Alexander McLean, of Wellington Square, the people. Thereafter, the Rev. Mr. Young gave a lucid and forcible statement of the principles of the Free Church of Scotland, on which she took her stand in resisting the encroachments of the civil power at the ever-memorable disruption, viz.:—1st. Non-intrusion; or the expressed wish of the majority of a congregation being essential to the validity of a call to the exercise of the office of the Gospel Ministry among them. 2nd. The principle of an undivided self-government by the Church; and 3rd. The uncontrolled right of Church extension. He showed clearly the necessity, in order to their consistency, that those who, whether in this country or elsewhere, held the same views and opinions, should give a distinct testimony in favour of these, by withdrawing from all connection, whether real or nominal, with a Church which holds opposite views; and that the Presbyterian Church of Canada was therefore compelled to take up her present position in order to the upholding of her principles, and shutting the door against at least possible future encroachments upon her spiritual prerogatives and independence. The people appeared to take a deep interest in all the services, and their young minister was cordially welcomed by them at the close. It is to be hoped that a bond has been formed that will long endure, and be greatly blessed by the Lord for the advancement of his own cause and glory, in the winning of many souls and building them up in Christ.—This field was long considered a very barren and discouraging one—its circumstances had in many respects been very unfavourable—and the first impression that was made upon it, appears to have been under the missionary labours of Mr. John Scott, now of London, which seem to have been signally blessed. The very warmth of Christian affection, however, which arose between this missionary and the people at these stations, proved in the event a source of discouragement to them when the connection was necessarily broken, by Mr. Scott accepting of a call to London; and at least one disappointment of a similar nature afterwards must have operated injuriously to their interests; but still the cause, by the blessing of the Lord, prospers. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed two successive seasons by the late much esteemed and lamented Mr. Robb, of Hamilton, and since then by the Rev. Mr. McLean, on which interesting occasions much of a spirit of awakening was manifested, and the hearts of many comforted and encouraged. The number of members has been regularly increasing to a very satisfactory extent: and the communion roll now contains the names of 72.—Mr. Wilson has laboured for some time among them as a missionary, by which they