

Ordination of Mr. G. H. Gratz.

A most interesting service, in connection with the ordination of Mr. G. H. Gratz, missionary to Andover, was held on the evening of the 10th inst., in United Church, New Glasgow. Rev. A. Rogers, pastor of United Church, presided, and narrated the steps. Rev. A. Falconer, Pictou, preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon. Rev. A. Robertson, pastor of new St. Andrew's, addressed the missionary in the most suitable and felicitous terms. Rev. J. Carruthers, of St. James Church, New Glasgow, addressed the large congregation, which assembled for the occasion, in an earnest and effective manner. The Superintendent of Missions in our own Presbytery was present and pressed the claims of Home Missions. All in all, the service was extremely edifying and interesting, and greatly enjoyed by every one. Rev. Anderson Rogers is to be warmly congratulated on the success of his ministrations in connection with his present charge. Our people of United Church congregation deserve the highest praise for the noble example of Christian liberality they have set before the Synod of the Maritime Provinces. For long years this congregation has held a foremost place in this respect, and at the present time they have excelled themselves. Cheerfully, gladly have they come forward with the large contribution of \$400 for the support of a missionary within the bounds, and at the same time without diminishing the ordinary contribution towards the fund. The action of United Church congregation will have a most stimulating effect upon Home Mission work in our Synod. It will direct attention to the importance of this branch of missionary enterprise, provoke other congregations to greater liberality,

and encourage the hearts of those who are toiling in our weak and scattered stations to upbuild our Zion and hasten the coming of the Kingdom of our Lord and His Christ.

The following is an extract from a letter received from Mrs. Morton, Trinidad, and is inserted in the present issue of CHURCH AND HOME in the hope that it may prove of some service to auxiliaries preparing boxes of goods for distribution in our missions in Trinidad.

"My Dear Miss Henderson :

I received your kind note, also the box of clothing. You can never go wrong in sending to Dr. Morton, for if we get more than a fair share we always divide with the other districts. Your box from the Welsford auxiliary was received in good time and in perfect order. Your skirts were the best, almost the only ones we had this year. The material was splendid and they were much prized by the fortunate girls who got them, a few of them were large enough for the "Home" girls. We do not ask clothes large enough for these girls, that is in a general way, as we should get too many, because nearly all the girls, except those in the "Home," are very small. Perhaps, however, if you are making for us for this year, you could send us under garments, night gowns large enough for girls of fourteen, also aprons and skirts, but not jackets. When a new girl comes in as a rule she has nothing but the clothes she has on her back, of course they have to make clothes in time, but it is a great ease to me to clothe them at once. Unbleached cotton is very suitable, never mind the red trimmings. Aprons are nice of dark print, with bills to them. If you agree to sew for the "Home" I shall depend on you and not ask any one else to do so. Such help as yours is very welcome, and I have had great pleasure in distributing as rewards to poor children for diligence at school. With thanks to all, in which Dr. Morton unites, and asking you to pray for our work,

I remain,

Very truly yours,
SARAH E. MORTON."