

gregational principles. Questions on the usual subjects having been put by Rev. P. Shanks and answered by the candidate, he was solemnly set apart to the ministry and pastorate by prayer, offered by Dr. Wilkes, and the imposition of the hands of the ministers taking part in the services; Rev. Dr. Wilkes subsequently giving to Mr. Douglas the right hand of fellowship, and addressing him on the duties of his office from Micah iii. 8: "But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the Lord, and of judgment, and of might." As it is hoped that the address will, at a future time, be published in the *Independent*, nothing more need now be said of it than that it was distinguished for clearness, good feeling and great practical wisdom. The exercises named, with praise at intervals occupied the forenoon service.

In that of the afternoon, Rev. A. McGregor, of Brockville, addressed the people from Isaiah lx. 1: "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." The preacher, after referring to the past happy experience of the church, remarked how becoming it was to give heed, 1. To the charge here given "Arise, shine;" 2. To the reasons whereby it is enforced, "For thy Light," &c. Under the first head, various states into which the church might fall and from which it was to be called to arise, were described; it was not merely to arise, but also to shine, hearing and doing must accompany each other; of doing, duties to the pastor were an important part. Under the second head, in which Jesus Christ was spoken of as the "Light" of the text, and the glories of the dispensation of grace were regarded as "The Glory of the Lord" here mentioned, of which glories the Shekinah under the former dispensation was typical, the exhortations of the text were suitably enforced. The discourse was earnest, affectionate and appropriate to the circumstances of the congregation. Its utterance having been followed by prayer and praise, the newly ordained pastor closed the services of the day by pronouncing the benediction.

Though the day was excessively warm, and many of the people had come from considerable distances, good attention was given to all the services; deep feeling being at various times manifested.

May our brother be abundantly blessed in the interesting field which he occupies!

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PARIS, C. W.—The Rev. E. Ebbs preached his farowell sermon to the Congregational Church in Paris, on Sabbath 27th ult. We are pleased to copy the following item in connection with his removal:

"Miss Ebbs was presented on Wednesday last with a gold watch and chain, and a purse containing the sum of sixty dollars, as an acknowledgment of her kindness in presiding at the organ of the Church of which her father is pastor, for the last three years."

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In seasons of trial and perplexity we have been tempted to think that if we had only lived in the old dispensation, an angel would have visited us with a message, or a vision have guided our indecision. But we have not availed ourselves as fully as is our privilege of the presence of the Angel of the Covenant, the personal humanity of Jesus, who went before us through all the stages of trial and sorrow. In such seasons we are required to take but one step at a time, looking up all the way.