

as their Minister, and to consider themselves as being connected with the Missionary Presbytery.

An event of this kind is to be classed amongst those things that do good. Few things are more fitted to injure the interests of truth, and to give her enemies ground for rejoicing, than the keeping up of unnecessary divisions.

Ordinations.

ST. CATHERINES. On Wednesday, the 7th December, the Gore Committee of the Missionary Presbytery, met by appointment, in St. Catherines, for the purpose of setting apart Mr. John Porteous to the pastoral care of the United Secession Congregation in St. Catherines.

The Rev. James Roy, St. George, East Dumfries, commenced the services, and preached a most appropriate sermon from 2 Cor. vi. 1, "We then as workers together with him beseech you :" in which, besides many important and impressive matters, he depicted in forcible language the arduous nature of the duties of the pastoral office. The Rev. Mr. Ritchie, West Dumfries, who presided on the occasion narrated the steps which had been taken by the Congregation and Presbytery—put to Mr. Porteous the questions of the Formula, and after receiving satisfactory answers, set him apart by prayer and the imposition of hands to the office of the Ministry, and to the pastoral inspection of the Congregation of St. Catherines. Mr. Ritchie then addressed Mr. Porteous and the congregation in a masterly style.

Mr. Porteous has been set down in a very destitute district, and it is hoped, by the blessing of God accompanying his labours, that he may be the means of doing much good.

ERAMOSA. On Wednesday, January 4th, the Gore Committee of the Missionary Presbytery met at Eramosa, and set apart Mr. Wm. Barrie to the pastoral inspection of the United Secession Congregation there. The Rev. D. Coutts, of Esquesing, preached an excellent and appropriate sermon from 2 Thes. iii. 1. The Rev. James Roy, who presided, narrated the steps taken by the Congregation and Committee in regard to Mr. Barrie's settlement ; after which he proposed the usual questions to Mr. Barrie, and then by prayer and the imposition of hands, set him apart to the office of the holy ministry and the pastoral charge of the congregation. Mr. Roy then gave the charge to Mr. Barrie and the Congregation in his usual clear, forcible and pointed manner. The audience was large and seemed deeply impressed.

On the day following, the Committee inducted Mr. Barrie to the pastoral charge of the United Secession Congregation in the Irvine Settlement, township of Nichol. The Rev. Mr. Ritchie, of West Dumfries, preached an excellent sermon from Luke 14 : 23, "Compel to come in." Mr. Roy again put the questions of the Formula to Mr. Barrie, offered up the induction prayer, and gave a solemn and impressive charge to