

moderate in a call. They represented the congregation as ready to guarantee a stipend of \$800.00, per year, with increase as warranted by the growth of the congregation.

The Presbytery being satisfied with the representations given, authorized Mr. Wardrope to moderate in a call on Thursday the 22nd of February, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon. On the appointed day, the congregation met and gave a unanimous call to Mr. Wm. Moore to be their pastor. The call which was in the usual form was signed by the five elders, by thirty-seven members, twenty-three adherents and twenty-five Sabbath school scholars.

In the afternoon of the same day, the Presbytery met, received and sustained the call, and in order to secure an early settlement, directed the clerk, Mr. Simon C. Fraser, of White Lake, to communicate with Mr. Moore, and to ascertain his views in the premises.

The result of the correspondence was that the usual steps were taken looking to ordination, and the church was notified, that in the event of the examination being found satisfactory, the Presbytery would proceed to ordination on the 28th March.

On that day, the Presbytery met and took Mr. Moore on trial. The prescribed exercises having been approved and the examination sustained, the Presbytery resolved to proceed with the ordination as previously conditionally arranged.

The following ministers took part in the service. In the absence of the Moderator, the Rev. John L. Gourlay, the Rev. James Whyte presided and preached the ordination sermon, after which Mr. Moore was solemnly set apart to the work of the Ministry by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery. The Rev. Thos. Wardrope then addressed the pastor and the Rev. Joseph White addressed the people in suitable terms of admonition and encouragement.

Prior to the settlement of the pastor, the congregation had been greatly encouraged by the friendly services of several members of the Presbytery. Among whom must be mentioned: the Rev. Wm. McKenzie of Ramsay; the Rev. James Whyte of Osgood; the Rev. Joseph White of Wakefield and Masham, and last though not least, the Rev. Thos. Wardrope of Knox Church, who then, and in the years following, while he remained in Ottawa, proved himself to be a true friend, both to the congregation and to the young minister.