

ORDINATION — BOWMANVILLE. — Services in connection with the ordination of Mr. John Allworth, B. A., to the work of the christian ministry over the Congregational Church in this town, took place last Tuesday evening. The church was packed with an intelligent and deeply interested audience. The Rev. S. T. Gibbs, of Whitby, conducted the introductory services. The Rev. James A. R. Dickson, of Toronto, preached on the distinctive principles of Congregationalists, showing how they held that Christ was Head of the church, that the church originated in the outpouring of the Spirit at Pentecost,—that only converted persons were eligible to church membership—that those voluntarily associated themselves for christian fellowship—that the Bible was the only standard of faith and practice—that the church is *Congregational*, having all executive power placed in it by Christ Jesus, and *Independent* of all other ecclesiastical associations—its only officers, pastors and deacons, and all its revenues raised within itself. The advantages of churches on the New Testament plan were largely dwelt upon.

A hymn was sung, whereupon the Rev. S. T. Gibbs asked the usual questions touching personal experience, call to the ministry, articles of faith, and the spirit in which he was to carry on his work among his people. Answers highly satisfactory being given, Mr. Gibbs then offered the Ordination Prayer, after which Mr. Dickson gave the right hand of fellowship, on behalf of the ministers of the body, to Mr. Allworth.

A few verses of the hymn beginning "Let Zion's Watchmen all Awake" being sung, the Rev. W. H. Allworth, of Paris, addressed the newly ordained pastor from the words "Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." 2 Tim., ii. 1. The discourse was able, and excellently adapted to the end sought. The pastor was called upon to be strong in prayer, faith, private preparation, preaching, governing, and work. The grace of Christ in its sympathetic aspect was dwelt upon at length with great power; altogether the discourse was very memorable. On another hymn being sung, the Rev. John Wood, of Brantford, addressed the

people on the text, "We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities," Acts 14. The preacher dwelt upon the views the people had of the minister's character, and showed what he was, and the work undertaken, and closed with many important hints for a prosperous and happy church life; urging the people to regular attendance on the means of grace, cordial co-operation with the pastor, prayer for him, and also a life in accord with the word preached.

After announcements with regard to the tea meeting on the next evening, the doxology was sung, and the newly ordained pastor pronounced the benediction. Mr. Allworth has a large and important field of labor, we hope he will be eminently successful in it. This meeting was a great success in every way.—*Bowmanville Statesman*, Mar. 12.

THE DAYS OF THE COVENANTERS.—A highly interesting lecture was delivered yesterday evening, in the schoolroom of the Northern Congregational Church, by the Rev. Wm. Manchee, the subject being "Scenes in the life of Alexander Peden, or Covenanting Times." The lecture commenced with a review of the condition of popular feeling in Scotland immediately subsequent to the death of the Duke of Hamilton, and the events which occurred in consequence of the harsh treatment received at the hands of the leaders of the commonwealth in England, resulting in the invasion of Scotland by Cromwell, after the return of Charles. The description of the coronation at Scone on New Year's day, 1651, was a fine piece of eloquence, in which the lecturer brought out in a strong light the perfidy and cruelty of the King, who, upon being crowned, made promises of the fairest description, but who afterwards countenanced and assisted in the persecutions with which the Covenanters were visited, foully falsifying his oath. The heartless, superstitious and tyrannical character which the King developed after his recall to England, and his coronation as Charles II., was fully dwelt upon; and the cruelties perpetrated under his order