

"As one worthy of their entire confidence and esteem, and well qualified through the Great Head of the Church to promote their edification, by conducting the exercises of public worship with the reading and exposition of the word of God, and the subordinate standards of the Church."

The Commission to act in the said capacity was transmitted to Mr. Wardrope by the Rev. Alex. Gale, minister at Hamilton, and Convener of the Home Mission Committee, with the anxious desire that he would undertake the office proposed to him, looking to the Lord to prosper him in the performance of its duties.

This state of things continued till the month of June, 1845, in which month the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada met at Cobourg.

To this meeting of Synod Mr. Donald Kennedy, Elder, was deputed by the congregation, with a petition that Mr. Wardrope might be duly and regularly licensed to preach the Gospel, in order to his receiving from the congregation, a call to be their pastor. The petition was favourably entertained by the Synod; and the Presbytery of Kingston, before leaving Cobourg, met, and solemnly licensed Mr. Wardrope. A unanimous call immediately followed this, which, having been sustained by the Presbytery, and accepted by Mr. Wardrope, his ordination was appointed to take place on the 13th day of August, 1845. On that occasion the late Rev. Dr. Robert Burns, of Toronto, preached and presided; his text on the occasion being Is. 62. 10, "Lift up a Standard for the people." The Rev. Mr. Smart of Brockville addressed the Minister, and the Rev. Mr. McLean of Picton the people.

Meanwhile a place of worship was being erected.

After the ordination, it was deemed necessary for the welfare of the church, that a number of elders should be elected, to co-operate with the two, namely, Mr. George Severight and Mr. Donald Kennedy, who had entered the Congregation as elders. Four were chosen:—Mr. Alexander Kennedy, Mr. John Durie, Mr. Alex. Anderson and Mr. A. Wilson, and ordained, on Sabbath, the 11th day of December, 1845. At the

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