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"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning."—Psalm 137, 4-5.

RATTRAY PARISH CHURCH.

INDUCTION OF MR. HERDMAN.

(From the Blairgowrie News of August 2nd.)

The trials and troubles of this congregation, after a continuance of seven months, came to a happy termination on Monday last. The ceremony of induction took place in the church on that afternoon at three o'clock, at which time the body of the church was quite crowded, and there were also a large number of members and friends in the gallery.

The Rev. Mr. Rutherford, Dunkeld, preached a really capital sermon from St. John, i., 6, 7, 8. Thereafter, the Rev. Mr. Campbell, Moulin, ascended to the pulpit, and addressed Mr. Herdman. He stated that he had held the same position in 1844, as he had then inducted Mr. William Herdman as pastor of that congregation. The venerable divine spoke in the highest terms of the Rev. gentleman now before him, and stated that the testimonials which Mr. Herdman had produced were such as could only be given to a man standing in the very first ranks as a clergyman. After putting the usual questions, and addressing the new pastor, Mr. Campbell in most choice language exhorted the congregation to be attentive to their duties towards their pastor and the Church.

Mr. Herdman then received the right hand of fellowship from the clergy present.

Rev. Mr. Rae, Kinloch, then presented

Mr. Herdman, in name of the ladies of the congregation, with a gown, Bible, and bands, in a handsome morocco case, and in doing so stated how proud he was in seeing Mr. Herdman in his present position. He wished him many years of comfort and happiness, and prayed that a blessing might attend his labours.

Rev. Mr. Herdman, in a few well-chosen words, made a most feeling reply.

The congregation then separated, and shook hands with the newly inducted pastor as they passed out.

From same paper of Aug. 9th.

On Sabbath last, the Rev. A. W. Herdman, the newly-inducted pastor of this Church, took his place in the pulpit. As was anticipated, the event was looked forward to with the greatest interest by the inhabitants, and most of the surrounding churches showed by their empty benches how universal had been the desire of all denominations to see and hear the man of whom so much had been said for many months past. Professor Mitchell, D.D., of St Andrews, preached in the forenoon, choosing for his text I. Timothy i. 13-15, and introduced the new incumbent. The church was well filled, and the able and interesting discourse delivered by the venerable Professor was listened to with wrapt attention.

At the conclusion of his sermon, Professor Mitchell referred to Mr. Herdman in the following terms:—It is now more than thirty years since—in this neighbourhood, if not in this church—I preach