

The last question was, "Do you own and promise allegiance to his Majesty King George the third in all things civil and lawful."

These being satisfactorily answered, he was ordained in the usual manner, after which Rev Mr Lyon delivered a charge to him and the representatives of the congregation. The Rev Mr Phelps then gave him the right hand of fellowship with the following address

"DEAR SIR,

As you have been now solemnly set apart to the work of the gospel ministry, to act in that sacred and important sphere, we wish you the presence and blessing of Almighty God, the nearest intimacy with Jesus the Redeemer, and the continual consolation of the Holy Spirit, to support you under all your burdens in so difficult and arduous an employ; and agreeable to the example of James, Peter, and John, the apostles, unto Paul and Barnabas, I do now in the name and at the request of my brethren present on this occasion, give you the right hand of fellowship to take part of the sacred ministry with us; in token that we own and acknowledge you as a minister of the gospel, regularly ordained, ever wishing grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ may be multiplied to you and the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made you an overseer."

We need not say that the men who conducted this ordination were men of order, and we doubt not our readers will concur in the statement made by Mr Secombe, a short time after in a letter to Mr C. that as his ordination was valid and that the promise "So I am with you alway" belonged to him as much as to the Bishop of London.

*(To be concluded in our next.)*

### THE GREAT WAR.

We do not mean that struggle which now distracts and desolates half a continent: we do not refer to any war in which nations grapple with each other on the fields of death. There is another war in which we have an interest infinitely more profound; for we are involved in it, and to us it is a matter of life and death.

God is fighting against Satan and Satan against God. There is a constant warfare between good and evil; between light and

darkness; between the Kingdom of Christ and that of the "Prince of this world." Reader, you must take part in this struggle! In fact you have taken part in it already, and you are now fighting for God or against Him. Neutrality is impossible: it is an unceasing contest, coextensive with the world.

Perhaps you are very young, a boy or girl, not yet in your "teens," and you may think it hard to be fighting for serious cause: you are too young to be soldiers in earnest! Oh, no! Children have before now suffered martyrdom for Christ: and how many children have been sacrificed at the horrid shrine of Moloch! Satan will enlist you when very young and set your hearts against your rightful King, Jesus Christ. But as children of the church, baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, you are enlisted on the side of Jesus and you cannot leave Him without disgrace and great sin. You have sworn to be on the side of Jesus: remember this, and whenever Satan or any of his servants tempt you to leave the service of Jesus listen not to the tempter, no, not for a moment.

Years will not procure you a discharge in this war; but the longer you live the more thoroughly you will become involved in it. The Christian must fight to the last! All without distinction of age or sex or position, must be soldiers of Christ or of his enemy—must fight for Him or against Him. In the dewy morning, in the fervent noon-tide, in the shadowy gleaming, the battle goes on forever, now silently, anon filling the world with its din.

The field is within us as well as without. The heart is the most important part of the battle-ground. In every heart there is a struggle, a life-long war, between the Spirit of God and the arch-enemy. Take heed that you grieve not the Spirit lest He leave you to the cruel foe that so eagerly seeks your life. By accepting evil for your good, you will become daily more antagonistic to all that is Godlike until at length you become wholly like the Devil. By choosing Christ you "die unto sin and live unto righteousness," and the longer you live the