

INDUCTION.

On Wednesday afternoon last, the Rev. Alex. Ross, M. A., late of Picton, N. S., was inducted into the charge of the Presbyterian Church of this village. There were a large number of members and adherents present. The Rev. John McNabb, of Bearton, presided. After singing and prayer the Rev. Mr. Elliott, of Cannington, preached a very instructive and interesting sermon, taking for his text the 1st and 2nd verses of the 67th Psalm:

"God be merciful unto us, and bless us: and cause his face to shine upon us. That thy way may be known upon the earth, thy saving health among all nations."

Dwelling on the proneness of human nature to evil, he pointed out how it might be lifted up to the level of angels. The bond of connection between "the healing of the nations" and the degree of piety in a people is threefold, the first principle being the *Example*. The great teacher, Christ, showed this by his own example on earth. The world cannot see your soul and therefore cannot judge of your happiness, but if you see professed Christians loving, tractable, and in spirit bearing one another burdens and showing true pity for those in the broad road to destruction, then will it be convinced of the desirability of Christianity. Mere assertions are not enough, there must be example. The true spirit of Christian piety is a bright, healthy, pure atmosphere, and restrains others to feel the advantages of it.

The influence of *Prayer* is the second bond of union. God has appointed an intimate connection between the prayers of His people and "the healing of the nations." True prayer, from the depths of renewed souls, offered in the name of Jesus, enters the ear of the Lord of Sabaoth, and has to do with the movements of that mighty hand which heals the wounds of the broken-hearted, and with the cords of the love that issues knowledge, draws the sinner to theaviour. In proportion to the piety of a Christian will be the force of the prayer and the power of it. The third bond of union is the influence of *Effort*. God calls upon the church to be laborers together with Him for the evangelization of the nations. David had an earnest desire for the ever-growing prosperity of the Church, and prayed for the spread of the gospel. We need more of this kind of prayer throughout the Church the present day. Every Christian should adopt this prayer of David's, and contribute to the "healing of the nations;" and live that after their departure from this life, the world may be better for their having lived therein.

After singing, the Rev. J. McNabb said it was customary on such occasions to narrate the steps taken to extend and sustain the work. Not a year had passed since the former pastor had left, amidst the regrets of all, and many have been the anxious prayers at God might send them a suitable pastor. The Presbytery had appointed him as moderator, and he could safely say that no suggestion from him or any other member of the Presbytery had influenced them in their choice. In reference to the first call to Mr. Ross, he had been sent to Picton to prosecute it, and a more difficult task he had never undertaken. In the face of the pleadings for Mr. Ross to stay, he (Mr. McNabb) had done the best he could, but the call had been declined. They had been pleased to call Mr. Ross a second time, and a more unanimous call he had never witnessed. An opportunity had now been given for objections and none having been offered the Presbytery would proceed with the induction. Having then propounded the usual questions to Mr. Ross and to the congregation, and all having been answered satisfactorily, he offered up a short prayer that strength and wisdom might be given to the new pastor, to enable him to rightly minister to the wants of the congregation, and that the people might uphold and encourage him in his work. The members of Presbytery then extended the right hand of fellowship to the Rev. Mr. Ross, and heartily welcomed him as a co-laborer.

The Rev. Mr. McGregor in addressing the pastor said he would take as his motto—"A good minister of Christ." A holy minister is an awful weapon in the hands of God. He must live near to God, and can never be satisfied without seals to his ministry. The grand aim of such an one is to enter in and help along burdened souls. A good minister of Christ must look for conversions, for a barren ministry is a curse. He must feel his absolute dependence on the Holy Spirit, not only for his adaptation for a work but for his success. He is a man never satisfied with his literary attainments and must constantly study to keep up with the requirements of his people. He must of his responsibility, and need we wonder at the Apostle says, "We will give ourselves constantly to prayer." Our term of service will soon end, and if we be good and faithful servers here, we will enter into joy everlasting hereafter.

Rev. Mr. Cockburn addressed the people solemnly, pointing out their duties in regard to their new pastor. They are called upon to assist him in every duty. There is no more sacred trust given to a congregation than to hold the good name of their pastor. Do not be too critical; and do not get offended when he tells you the truth, this office commits him to do it. And if he strikes hard,

vertently at one of your own besetting sins, don't publish it to your neighbors, but take it to your God in prayerful consideration. And above all don't burden your minister with your own family or neighborly feuds. He has enough to do without attending to your private affairs. Be punctual and attentive in your attendance at the means of grace, for nothing hurts a minister more than preaching to empty pews or a sleeping congregation. See that your minister is paid punctually, so that his mind may not be bothered with temporal things. And, in conclusion, pray for your minister.

The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Mr. McGregor, and the congregation shook hands with Mr. Ross, as they passed out.

At the close, in the presence of the Presbytery and Session, Mr. Jno. C. Gilchrist, Treasurer, handed Mr. Ross \$250, being a quarter's stipend in advance.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

ONE PERSON KILLED AND SEVERAL INJURED.

BUFFALO, N. Y., June 25.—The Atlantic express on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway, due here at 1.30 p. m., met with a serious accident when about five miles from this city. A special coach of the Cleveland, Crestline, Chicago, and Indianapolis Railway Company was attached to the train at Dayton, Ohio, containing a funeral party of eleven persons bound for Medina, N. Y., where the body of the wife of Col. E. F. Brown, of the Soldiers' Home at Dayton, Ohio, was to be interred. This car was thrown from the track and partly turned over, the intense heat, having, it is believed spread the rails, fatally injuring O. E. Brit, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mrs. Edward Marshall, of Medina, N. Y., is probably fatally injured in the head, and is now lying unconscious. Mrs. Chaplain Earnshaw, of Dayton, severely injured in the head and back will probably recover. Mrs. P. D. Beecher, Dayton, injured in the head. Major R. E. Fleming, Soldier's Home, shoulder dislocated. E. F. Brown, Jr., Dayton, head and leg bruised. The injured were taken to a hotel in this city and cared for. All of the train, excepting the ill-fated car, remained upon the track. Mrs. Marshall was found with the coffin containing the body of Mrs. Brown lying across her back. The remains were but little disturbed. The balance of the occupants of the car were only slightly bruised.

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