

teachers, men of allowed characters for virtue and learning, were of the same sentiments. Particularly Mr. Brown, Tutor in Yale College, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Wetmore. Mr. Cutler, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Johnson, resolved to conform to the Church of England, though at the loss of the preferment they had in the Independent way; and, accordingly, in the year 1722, at a public Commencement at Yale College, in New Haven, they declared their conformity to the Church of England, laid down their preferments, and came to England for Episcopal Orders.

The new church at Boston was now building, and all the members of the Church of England had a just value for these gentlemen's integrity; they thought Mr. Cutler had sacrificed a very valuable interest, to a good conscience, and agreed to choose him minister of their new church, when it should be built. They wrote very earnest letters to the Bishop of London, and to the Society, requesting their favor to Mr. Cutler, and praying the Bishop of London to license him to the new church at Boston. The Society at this time knew nothing of Mr. Cutler, or the other gentlemen, but letters came from the members of the church at Newport, and several of the Missionaries, giving an account of their leaving the Independents. They all three received Holy Orders, but Mr. Brown died soon after; Mr. Cutler and Mr. Johnson, by their behavior here, appeared to deserve the character they brought from abroad. While they were in England, they visited our Universities, and were received by the Vice-Chancellor of each, and the heads of houses, with peculiar marks of regard and esteem. Mr. Cutler, the elder gentleman, had the Degree of Doctor in Divinity conferred upon him, and Mr. Johnson, that of Master of Arts, by both Universities.

Dr. Cutler soon after went over to New England to his church at Boston. The building was finished in a little above a year. It is a handsome brick church, seventy feet long, and fifty wide, thirty-five high, the walls two feet and an half thick; the steeple's area is twenty-four feet square. As soon as it was fitted to have Divine service performed in it, a numerous congregation of people, both from Boston, and the neighboring towns, attended the public worship there, particularly from Charlestown, which is separated from Boston by a considerable river. At the opening of this church, the usual audience was about four hundred persons, but they increased continually, and now amount to near eight hundred commonly. The members of this church have, in many respects, approved themselves a worthy people, very devout in the public worship, and conscientious in their lives and actions; their children are brought regularly to baptism, and the communicants have lately amounted to about eighty. Dr. Cutler hath also instructed several grown persons in the duty and benefit of baptism, and administered it to them. He continues now in this mission.

The Society have also maintained a schoolmaster for several years at Boston, to teach the poor children to read, write, and cypher, and have lately appointed Mr. Delpech to be schoolmaster at Narragansett. They have also by their Missionaries distributed above eleven thousand