

Presbytery that the work might be more economically done by native agents under the immediate superintendence of ordained missionaries. And that if your board can afford to spend something on education it would be wise to authorize the employment of one or two such agents. The Presbytery believe that apart from other expenses the annual salaries of three such teachers would not be greater than that of one European agent.

The question then arises, can such agent be found? We hope so. There is a young man, interpreter in one of the courts, who is willing to engage as teacher and promises to be a valuable agent. He has been trained as a Christian from childhood. His friends are in San Fernando and he would prefer that station but is willing to go to Iere Village. There is another young man now on his way from Britain where he has been with his master's family for the past two years. He has been well trained and on his own profession of faith was baptized and admitted as a member of our own church. We have been thinking of him and await his arrival to ascertain his mind. These men would not be assistants so much as principals in the schools. We cannot speak definitely of the cost but believe that from £50 to £70 sterling would be ample for each. And we could very freely appeal to the public to assist in their support. I at least should have a teacher by the beginning of the year.

Yours very sincerely,
JOHN MORTON.

News of the Church.

Presbytery of Truro.

This Presbytery met, as appointed, at Great Village, on the 13th inst., at 11 o'clock, a. m.

The Rev. James Sinclair preached from Luke xiv. 34,—"Salt is good; but if the salt have lost its savour, wherewith shall it be salted." The subject, as may be seen, was appropriate, its treatment was able, and all seemed well pleased with this as the prelude.

At the close of divine service, the Presbytery was constituted by the moderator, the Rev. W. McCulloch, D.D. There was a large attendance of members, the ministers and representative elders being nearly all present. This meeting had been appointed specially for the purpose of holding a convention of the elders throughout the Presbytery. A committee had been appointed to draw out a programme, select speakers, and make other necessary arrange-

ments. This committee laid on the table their proposed programme. It was as follows:—

Sermon—Rev. J. Sinclair.

The Moderator constitute the Presbytery and explain the object of the convention.

I. Address—The Rev. John Currie: Subject, The divine authority of the eldership.

Praise—The Rev. D. Stewart.

II. Address—Mr. F. Blanchard, elder: Subject, The duties of the eldership.

Prayer—Rev. J. I. Baxter.

III. Address—The Rev. J. D. McGillivray: Subject, The responsibilities of the eldership.

Praise—The Rev. D. McKinnon.

IV. Address—The Rev. James Byers: Subject, The zeal necessary in the eldership.

Prayer—Mr. J. C. Fulton, elder.

V. Address—The Hon. S. Creelman, elder: Subject, The rewards of the eldership.

Prayer and Praise—The clerk.

Addresses not longer than twenty minutes each. A conversation or short addresses during an hour, opened by the two elders in the committee; elders speaking not longer than ten minutes, and ministers not longer than five minutes.

Concluding address—The moderator: Subject, The account to which this meeting may be turned by the elders present.

Meet at 11 o'clock, a. m.; adjourn at 1 p. m.. Meet at 2½; adjourn at 6. Meet at 7½; adjourn at 9. Additional seditments, if required, to be appointed at adjournment.

The report was adopted, and throughout followed as closely as circumstances would permit. The Presbytery resolved itself into committee during the Conference. The moderator was appointed to occupy the chair. The addresses were throughout everything that could be wished. Mr. Currie, by a happy course of gentle argument, showed conclusively that the eldership is of God. He selected his proofs principally from the writings of the apostle Paul, but most of all from his pastoral epistles. Mr. Blanchard, in speaking of duties, showed that on becoming an elder, he had considered well what, in this office, the Master required of him. He spoke as one knowing, and anxious that all should know, yet fearing lest there might be some things of which he was not aware. Mr. McGillivray stated that the subject assigned to him might simply be viewed as a continuation of what preceded. Responsibility was the account to be rendered for the discharge of duties assigned. The eldership having been ordained of God, its duties are all assigned by Him, and to Him the elder must give an account. Mr. Byers, in setting forth the necessity of zeal, referred to the difficulties to be surmounted by the elder in the dis-