

Soon after this she fell asleep in Jesus. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them." Dear brother, I hope you will join with me in saying that there is nothing but the grace of God that can qualify a poor black illiterate person to give utterance to such sublime sentiments in the very prospect of immediately appearing before the awful tribunal of God! Such an instance

of the power of divine grace has a tendency to cheer and support us under the various trials and discouragements which we are meeting with in this cloudy and dark day. O for more grace to enable me to be more faithful in the discharge of those important duties which devolve upon me! How encouraging the promise, "As thy day, so shall thy strength be; My grace is sufficient, for thee, my strength is made perfect in weakness."

News of the Church.

PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.—The Presbytery of Pictou, met in Prince St. Church, Pictou, on Tuesday 12th May, when Mr George Ruddick, student of divinity, delivered a lecture on Psalm 110th, a sermon on Rev. xxii. 17, and an exercise with additions on Mat. xviii. 20. He was also examined in Hebrew, Greek, Church History and Theology, with entire satisfaction of the Presbytery, when the question was put, proceed to license or not, when it carried unanimously proceed. The questions of the formula having been put and duly answered, the Moderator after prayer, as the mouth of the Presbytery and in the name of the Great Head of the Church solemnly licensed him to preach the Everlasting Gospel, and then tendered him suitable exhortations regarding the work upon which he is entering.

PRESBYTERY OF TRURO.—This Presbytery, as had been appointed, met at the Folly, Upper Londonderry, on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at 11 o'clock, forenoon. Mr. John Currie, who had been appointed to preach, being unable to attend, owing to the state of his health, the Rev. Daniel M'Curdy delivered an appropriate and impressive sermon from Num. x. 29. There was laid on the table a call from the congregation of Middle Stewiacke and Brookfield addressed to Mr Currie. This call was laid aside, Mr Currie having expressed his intention to accept one from Maitland. Mr John Putnam, from Middle Stewiacke, coming forward, stated that the congregation, anticipating the action of the Presbytery, had appointed him commissioner to appear at that meeting and lay on the table a petition, praying

the Reverend Court to appoint one of their number again to moderate in a call for one to become their pastor. This was readily granted, and the Rev Professor Smith appointed so to moderate on Tuesday the 26th inst., at 11 o'clock, forenoon. This is a new congregation, organized about eight months ago, Middle Stewiacke having been disjoined from Mr Smith's congregation and Brookfield from Mr Baxter's. In their former connection the two sections paid only £70 for the support of ordinances. When formed into a new congregation the Presbytery urged upon them, if possible to raise £140 as salary for a minister. They appeared by commissioners at a subsequent meeting of Presbytery, and stated that at a meeting of the congregation, it had been resolved that £140 could not maintain a minister, that they could not offer less than £150, and that, altho' a small struggling congregation, they had made promise to raise such a sum. They have, notwithstanding, been already twice disappointed in the object of their choice; but it is earnestly hoped they will not be so a third time. The Presbytery also heard with much sorrow and sympathy that the congregation of Economy and Five Islands had likewise been disappointed a second time. This congregation has, during the last five years, been passing through one continued series of trials. After being vacant about a year their hopes were raised by having the Rev James Thompson settled among them. It however pleased the Master to lay his hand upon his young servant, who, after struggling under ill health about eight-months, was obliged to demit the charge. He was for sometime unable