

position not only in the Seminary of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, in which he began his studies, but took a high position in the Institutions which he attended in Scotland, and from what we have seen and heard from him we doubt not he will be one of the most successful preachers that have yet come from the Synod's Institution.

Commissioners appeared from Little Harbour with a subscription list for supply of preaching amounting to £53 17s. 6d. As the people in that quarter are not able to support a minister, and as Sutherland River, from its position, can be conveniently united with it, the Rev. John Stewart was appointed to hold a meeting with the adherents of our Church in that quarter, to ascertain whether they are willing to unite with the people of Little Harbour to form a new congregation, and, in the event of their being so, what amount they can raise for the support of ordinances. The whole subject was remitted to the Sessions interested in such a formation to appear for their interests if they see fit at next meeting of Presbytery, which is appointed to take place in Prince Street Church, Pictou, on the 1st Tuesday of December.

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**PRESBYTERY OF TRURO.**—The Presbytery of Truro met, according to appointment, at Five Islands on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at 11 o'clock A. M. There were present the Rev. Messrs. Byers, Ross, Wyllie, McKay, Currie and McLellan; and Messrs. Thompson, Graham and Fullerton, elders; and the Rev. James Waddell, corresponding member. The day was such that any people not interested in the ordinances of religion would have been engaged in their fields. Five Islands, however, had very much the appearance of a Sabbath day. The congregation was large. It must have included nearly all the Presbyterians in the place, whilst many also were present from Economy, some having travelled nine or ten miles. The preacher, Mr. Currie, chose as his subject the parable of the vine and its branches, (John xv.) In his discourse he spoke of the economy of the vine, and the husbandman's treatment of it. There is a vital relation between the stem and its branches. There is a vital union between Christ and his people. There was from eternity a legal union. The Spirit of God in due time comes into the heart of each one, and working faith, grafts into Christ and forms a real union. While the branches are joined to the stem there is a constant flow of sap passing from it into them. We cannot see it thus flowing; but we see its effects in their continued life and the fruit produced. In like manner is it with the believer. United to Christ there is a constant flow of grace passing from Christ into his soul. This is not seen. It may not at all times be felt. But it is seen and known in its effects, in the believer's continued spiritual life and the fruits of the Spirit yielded by him. In the vine, the branches large and small, strong and weak, are all borne up and supported by the stem. The Church leans upon Christ. Every believer is held up by Him. The strongest has no strength to stand of himself, and the weakest, leaning upon him, stands sure. The husbandman finds that the branches of the vine are of two kinds, the unfruitful and the fruitful. The unfruitful are those in Christ as the dead branch that is bound upon the vine. They are such as have but a form of godliness, such as have a name to live but are dead; false professors. These the husbandman takes away,—sometimes by discipline. He permits them to fall into sin that they may be cut off from the fellowship of the Church. He also takes them away by death. Some are permitted to retain their place in the Church throughout life, but they are then taken away. The fruitful branches are those united to Christ by a true and living faith. These He pruneth that they may bring forth more fruit. He does this through the Word read and preached. "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." He also "purgeth" them by the doings of his providence.

Divine service concluded, the Presbytery was constituted and proceeded with the visitation of the congregation. The questions of the formula were put to the various parties and answered satisfactorily. The affairs of the congregation appear to be in an encouraging condition. Economy and Five Islands, being one of the smaller congregations in the Presbytery, satisfied themselves, in former times,