

Having returned to Musquodoboit, I preached on Sabbath the 19th inst. in the Middle Settlement, and in the afternoon at Little River: attendance in both places good. At the close of the service in St. Andrew's Church, I gave notice that the Holy Communion of the Lord's Supper, D. V., would be administered here on Sabbath, the 23rd September next; and that on Thursday first a sermon would be preached, and at the close of that service a meeting would be convened for the purpose of electing fit and proper persons for the office of the eldership in this congregation. On Thursday, at 2 p. m., a large meeting of the male heads of families and others residing in this settlement was held; and after divine service they unanimously elected as elders Messrs. Alexr. Taylor, John Cruickshank, and William Bruce. On Sabbath the 26th inst. I conducted public worship in the Grant in the morning, and at Little River in the afternoon. Before the dismissal of the St. Andrew's congregation I read the edict of the election of Messrs. Taylor, Cruickshank and Bruce, explaining to the people its nature, and that any member or members should thereby have an opportunity of lodging objections with me, if they thought fit, against one or all of the elders elect, as to their life and doctrine, previous to their ordination on Saturday preceding the Communion Sabbath.

On Sabbath the 2nd September I preached morning and afternoon in Truro. At both diets of worship the attendance was an average one. On Sabbath the 9th inst. I conducted public worship at North River in the morning, and in the afternoon at Truro; the day being both wet and disagreeable, the attendance, in consequence, was not large.

On Sabbath the 16th inst. I returned to Musquodoboit, and preached at the Middle Settlement in the morning, and at Little River in the afternoon; the attendance was fair in both places. At the conclusion of the service in St. Andrew's Church I informed the congregation that no objection had been lodged with me against any of the elders elect, therefore their ordination would take place next Saturday. I also gave notice that next Thursday would be observed in this place as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer. On Thursday I conducted divine service in a discourse suited to the duties of the day, to a large attendance of eager worshippers. On Saturday, public worship being conducted by myself, and at the conclusion of the sermon the elders elect, Messrs. Taylor, Cruickshank and Bruce, having satisfactorily answered the Questions of the Formula, I then solemnly, with prayer, ordained them to the office of the eldership over the congregation. In a short address I then explained the importance of their office, its duties and responsibilities. I also addressed the members of the congregation as to their respective obligations to the elders now set over them in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church. This important service being over, a service which many persons never had seen before, the large congregation was dismissed

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