

particularly after they got a Highlander for a priest. Some of these I met with personally, as formerly mentioned; others I was told of who did not fall in my way. But the very first Protestant preacher I could hear of, who was any way fixed upon the island, was a Mr. Urquhart, originally, I believe, from Scotland, but had come from the States to the island. But how long he resided there, or whether he died there, I did not learn.

The next Protestant Presbyterian minister was a Mr. Gordon from Scotland. The memory of this valuable servant of Christ is yet dear to all who knew him. He was of a slender and delicate bodily frame, and, feeling deeply for the perishing condition of those around him, he laboured so greatly beyond his strength, that he literally wore himself out. But this would bring him sooner to his rest, and the crown which is promised to all who continue faithful to the death. I may add the following anecdote which I heard of him: "A Mrs. Higgins, belonging to the Cove Head Settlement, one day was crossing a bay or creek with him in a canoe; the wind was high, and the water much troubled. Mr. Gordon discovered some evidence of fear, Mrs. Higgins rallied him, by saying, "Mr. Gordon, you seem to have no faith; what makes your faith so weak?" "I wish," said Mr. Gordon, "to have some foundation for my faith; I never wish to build a strong faith upon a bad foundation, but this canoe is very unsteady at present indeed." Mr. Gordon's widow is now married to Mr. M'Gregor of Pictou."

The next Presbyterian minister who went to the island was a Mr. John Keir, of Malpeque, formerly mentioned. He preaches there, and at New London and Bedeque. I have said all that is needful to be said about him. He is of a weakly constitution, and labours beyond his strength.

The next Presbyterian minister who went to the island was a Mr. Pidgeon, formerly mentioned also.