

He only insinuates that it extends only to a single point which he regards as a trifle."—and "he thinks it a matter of small importance to permit the young to receive their first impressions of religion from men who refuse the Confession of Faith altogether! How very inconsistent." Rather, How very anxious Mr. Trotter is to represent him as inconsistent; and how very unscrupulous about the means. 1st. The Professor did not *insinuate*, but assert, that the fears of the Presbyterian Synod lest the Free Church should get rid of the Confession of Faith altogether, were entirely groundless, and originated in the usual blundering of Mr. Trotter. Every intelligent reader must see that the assertion is quite true; and that a minister's being of opinion that a schoolmaster might be entrusted with the education of children, *not although he repudiates entirely the doctrines of the Confession*, but although he may not be prepared to subscribe to every doctrine in the Confession, is something very different from that minister's wishing to get rid of the Confession as the standard of the church, that he and other ministers may maintain or depart from its doctrines as they please. Mr Trotter cannot see the difference. 2ndly. Even with respect to schoolmasters, the Professor did not say whether it was or was not a trifling matter. Mr. Trotter, as he deems very much in the practice of doing, was simply drawing upon his own fancy for that picture of inconsistency which he was inviting his readers to contemplate so admiringly.

FREE PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

This court met here on the 29th October.

They had again under their consideration the application for supply to Bermuda, in the expected absence of Mr. Adam, when, after a full consideration of the case, the inconvenience of giving the supply during the winter was felt to be such that the Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Adam, requesting him to remain for some time longer, in the expectation that the Presbytery would be able to give supply at the close of the College session.

The following supplies were appointed for the stations in the neighbourhood of Halifax:

- Nov. 2nd. Dartmouth—Mr. Lyall.
- " " Goodwood—Mr. Romans.
- " 9th. Dartmouth—Mr. King.
- " " St. John's—Mr. Lyall.
- " " Lawrencetown—Mr. Romans.
- " 16th. Dartmouth—Mr. Romans.
- " " St. John's—Mr. King.
- " 23rd. Dartmouth—Mr. Romans.

- " " St. John's—Mr. Romans.
- " " Musquodoboit Harbour—Mr. Forrester.
- " " Chalmers' Church—Messrs. King and Lyall.
- " 30th. Dartmouth—Mr. King.
- " " St. John's—Mr. Lyall.
- " " Lawrencetown—Mr. Romans.
- Dec. 7th. Dartmouth—Mr. King.
- " " St. John's—Mr. Forrester.
- " " Goodwood—Mr. Lyall.
- " " Sackville—Mr. Romans.
- " 14th. Dartmouth—Mr. Romans.
- " " St. John's—Mr. Lyall.
- " 21st. Dartmouth—Mr. Lyall.
- " " St. John's—Mr. King.
- " " Lawrencetown—Mr. Romans.
- " 28th. Dartmouth—Mr. King.
- " " St. John's—Mr. Lyall.
- Jan. 4th. Dartmouth—Mr. Lyall.
- " " St. John's—Mr. Forrester.
- " " Goodwood—Mr. King.
- " " Musquodoboit Harbour—Mr. Romans.

Mr. John Alexander Ross, who has been already for two sessions in attendance upon the Theological classes of the College, presented himself for examination by the Presbytery previously to his enrolment for the third session. Mr. Alexander Ross, who has been attending the preliminary classes for three sessions, presented himself, at the request of the Professors, in order that the Presbytery might have an opportunity of judging whether it might not be proper for him now to enter upon the study of Theology. The Presbytery agreed to hold a special meeting on the following Saturday for the purpose of examining these two students, and any others within the bounds who might be in similar circumstances with Mr. Alexander Ross. They agreed to hold their next ordinary meeting on the first Wednesday of January next.

The Presbytery met on Saturday, Nov. 1st. when they examined Mr. John A. Ross, about to enter the Theological Hall for the third session, and were highly satisfied with the proficiency he had made. They also examined Mr. Alexander Ross, Mr. William Murray, Mr. Hector McKay, Mr. Alexander Campbell, and Mr. George Munro; when they found that the progress which these students had made in the preliminary classes was such that they might now with advantage enter upon the study of Theology.

FREE PRESBYTERY OF PICTOU.

The Free Presbytery of Pictou met in the Church of Lochaber on the 29th Oct.—There was a full attendance of the congregation. After sermon by the Rev. Mr. Stewart, the call from Prince Edward's Island to the Rev. Mr. Campbell, was taken up.

Mr. Campbell stated that he had now been labouring in that congregation for a