

such as giving tokens on the morning of Communion, &c.

The Clerk read a letter received by him from Rev. J. R. Thompson, Olympia, in answer to a request from Barney's River to become their pastor: in which he declines on the ground of the great scarcity of labourers in the great mission field in which he now is, and which must suffer by his leaving. The Presbytery deeply sympathize with the people of Barney's River, regret that their effort to secure a pastor has been unsuccessful, and resolved to continue to give them the usual supply.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in St. Andrew's Church, Pictou, on Wednesday, 29th November, at 10 A. M.

W. McMILLAN, *Presbytery Clerk.*

News of our Church.

Return of Rev. James McColl.

The Rev. James McColl has returned from a visit to his native land, we are very glad to understand, very much improved in health. His numerous flock in Prince Edward Island will be glad to see him back again in their midst to break to them afresh the bread of life.

Arrival of Rev. C. M. Grant.

Rev. C. M. Grant has returned from India, and his medical advisers in Scotland have declared that on account of the climate it would be suicidal in him to go back. And thus closes his brief missionary career which gave promise of so much. However, he may do as much for the cause of Missions by enlisting an enlightened sympathy for them in Scotland or Canada as if he were himself in India. He left Liverpool on August 23rd in the *S. S. Alexandria* for Halifax, where he arrived on the 7th Sept. His old congregation and friends will be delighted to see him again, though he comes to pay us but a short visit. We hope that his native air will be the means of recruiting him to all his former vigour, and wherever he is we are sure that he will not forget to send an occasional contribution to the pages of the *Record*.

Rev. Donald Ross.

The Rev. Donald Ross, minister of Dundee, Quebec, is now on a visit to his friends at Middle River, Pictou. We regret to

learn that he has lately had a severe attack of rheumatic fever. We hope and trust that native air may prove beneficial to him, and that he shall be able, on his return, to resume his pastoral duties with his wonted health and energy.

Salt Springs, Pictou.

The Salt Springs congregation set to work some weeks ago to "make up" a lot of goods for the Foreign Mission Committee. Committees were appointed, and collectors in motion, and the work done in the most methodical and orderly style. The result is most creditable and gratifying. The money collection amounts to \$91.50, besides which there are over 170 yards of home-made flannel. The praise and credit of these gratifying results is mainly due to the labours of the congregation. The committee resolved to give half the money, with all the cloth, to Mr. Robertson, for missionary purposes, the remaining half of the money to be invested by him in suitable missionary goods for Mr. Goodwill's mission field.

Sabbath School Pic Nics.

The Annual Pic-Nic of the Church of Scotland Sabbath Schools in Halifax, near in number, came off on Friday, the 12th ult., and was in all respects equal to any of its predecessors. Upwards of 700 scholars walked in procession to the steamboat which conveyed them to Dartmouth, and, headed by the pipers of the 78th Highlanders, and with ensigns waving in the breeze, created no little interest among the citizens in the line of march. The usual variety of refreshments and amusements were provided for the occasion, and taken advantage of; and the whole day spent most agreeably. Mount Thom is seldom visited by a more enthusiastic yet orderly assemblage than that composed of the Sabbath Schools of the Halifax Association, and we doubt if any similar annual gathering is better managed, or terminates its festivities with greater satisfaction to all.

On Thursday, the 10th of August, the Sunday School of St. Andrew's Church, St. John, N. B., held their annual pic-nic at Claremont. Trains left the Railway station, with the scholars, teachers and their friends, at 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. There were about 500 present. The day was very fine, and every one seemed to enjoy the relaxation of a few hours on the green grass in the country. The children were amused with games suited to their age—such as archery, croquet, foot-ball, base-ball, quoits and races. Some of the adults also joined in the games, and seemed to have enjoyed