

were in progress for the formation of a Home Mission Association in that place, and soliciting the Presbytery of Halifax to determine what portion of a missionary's salary should be paid by that congregation, on condition that he reside permanently among them. The Presbytery, on mature deliberation, found that they were not in a position at present to determine whether the missionary should reside altogether in Musquodoboit or not, or what portion of salary should be raised for his maintenance there, but reserved the case for future consideration.

With the view of ascertaining the capabilities of Musquodoboit, Truro, and other mission stations within their bounds, to support the gospel, a committee consisting of Messrs. Jardine, Boyd and Dr. Avery, was appointed to correspond with the members of the Church at the different stations, for the purpose of obtaining information as to what sums they propose to give annually for missionary services, and to report as soon as possible.

The Rev. Mr. Jardine, the Clerk, then read a letter prepared by a Committee of Presbytery, appointed at last meeting, soliciting the appointment of another missionary in the room of the Rev. James Wilson, who had returned to Scotland, and also a letter in reply from the Secretary to the Colonial Committee, announcing the appointment of the Rev. Mr. Stewart to that situation. The Presbytery approved of the diligence of the Committee, and expressed their great delight and satisfaction at the promptitude, diligence and liberality of the Colonial Committee in making this appointment.

The Rev. Geo. W. Stewart, the missionary, being present, was introduced to the Court in the most complimentary terms by the Superintendent of Missions, and laid on the table the necessary documents, which were read and considered highly satisfactory, and was therefore welcomed by the members as a fellow-laborer within their bounds.

It was then moved by Mr. Jardine, seconded by Mr. Macdonald, and agreed to, that Mr. Stewart be appointed in the meantime to labor in Musquodoboit and Truro, and that he be enjoined to transmit written reports of his labors in these places to this Court, before each meeting, to be published in the pages of the *Monthly Record*, if the Presbytery shall see fit.

Mr. Stewart was appointed to preach in Musquodoboit on the 21st and 28th of August, in Truro on the 4th and 11th of September, in Musquodoboit on the 18th and 25th of September, in Truro on the 2nd and 9th of October, and in Musquodoboit on the 16th, 23rd, and 30th of October.

The Presbytery appointed the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to be dispensed in Musquodoboit in September, and Mr. Martin to assist Mr. Stewart on that occasion.

ARRIVAL OF THE REV. GEO. W. STEWART.

The Rev. Geo. W. Stewart, who was appointed by the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland on an earnest application for a missionary, sent home by the Presbytery of Halifax, arrived here by the last steamer. We had the privilege of hearing him conduct Divine Service last Sabbath in each of the city churches; and, in the discourses to which we listened, consider him well qualified to build up the waste places of our Zion. We learn that he has left town to enter upon his labors in Musquodoboit and Truro. May the blessing of the Lord rest upon him, and make him successful in winning souls to the Saviour.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, HALIFAX.

On Wednesday, 17th August, the children attending the Sabbath School connected with this Church spent a happy day on the grounds of the "Bower," the seat of the Hon. Chief Justice Haliburton. About 100 children were present, and found much amusement in the various games provided, while the necessary supplies of substantials were by no means neglected. The Rev. Messrs. Jardine, Martin and Boyd, with a large number of the adult members of the Church, visited the grounds during the day, and appeared pleased at the sight of so many young people in the height of enjoyment, while the united voices of the scholars in the hymns which they sang, contributed to enhance that pleasure. The children were addressed shortly by the Rev. Mr. Stewart, recently arrived from Scotland.

We trust that parents and children will, with common consent, do what they can to further the desires of the teachers in regard to the important duties of the school, as no exertion seems to be spared by the teachers to contribute to the happiness of their young charge. The provision for the driving of the children to and from the grounds in a variety of conveyances, together with the various other arrangements of the day, reflected much credit upon the Superintendent, Mr. Lawson, who seems to be "the right man in the right place."

The following address arrived too late for publication in last No. but, as it still may be of service, it has been thought proper that it appear in these pages.—E. M. R.

COLLECTION FOR THE HOME MISSION FUND.

We have to announce for the information of the ministers and members of the church, that our Synod at its late meeting in Pictou appointed the collection for the Home Mission fund to be made in all the churches and preaching stations within the bounds, on the third Sabbath of the ensuing month of August. The object contemplated in the establishment of this fund, is now well known to all.