

and forming a spectacle of lively interest. A couple of hours were spent very pleasantly, during which time several short addresses were delivered, and a number of pretty hymns sung. It is pleasing to know that all the schools are in an active and flourishing state, and—to say nothing of the manifest zeal of the large and efficient staff of teachers—one great cause of this may be attributed to the yearly assembling of the juveniles to join in a common festival.

Presentation to Rev. George Boyd.

ON New Year's morning, a number of gentlemen connected with St. Andrew's congregation, Halifax, waited upon their pastor, the Rev. George Boyd, and placed in his hands a purse containing \$160, as a slight token of their appreciation of his services amongst them. It must be gratifying to Mr. Boyd to receive this additional proof of his people's attachment,—while it also exhibits, on their part, a commendable forethought for the comfort of their spiritual guide. May he be long spared to the Church to build up her walls in that important part of the vineyard, and to lead his flock by the green pastures and still waters of the gospel!

Truro and Vicinity.

To the Editor of the Monthly Record:

THOUGH I may not be able to express myself so correctly as I would wish, I think a few lines in reference to the Church here may be acceptable to all who are interested in our Zion. Although in weakness, I may be allowed to manifest our thankfulness to the Mother Church for the affectionate care which she has shown for her children in the Colonies. Even this remote region has already reaped the benefit of her kindness in no small degree. For more than three years we had the privilege of the services of the Rev. G. W. Stewart, who laboured diligently and faithfully amongst us, giving us as much of his time as his other appointments allowed. We wish Mr. Stewart all success and prosperity in the settled sphere of duty on which he has now entered at Musquodoboit.

Our warmest thanks are due to the Rev. W. McKay of Salt Springs for the privileges we have been enjoying during the last seven months, in consequence of his successful mission to the mother country, and it cannot but be a matter of deep joy and thankfulness to himself to find how greatly his services are appreciated. We, here, who are connected with the Church in Truro, are few and scattered, but we are supplied once a month with the ministrations of a faithful and able minister of the Gospel—the Rev. Mr. Philip. His services, hitherto so satisfactory to all, will, we are confident, continue to be so. As an evidence of the fruit of his labours, I may state that our prospects are much better than

we had any reason to expect. We will do our best to secure the services of our worthy minister, and lighten, as much as possible, the present necessary burthen which is laid on the Colonial Committee. We have endeavored to express our sense of the genial kindness shown to us by the christians of other denominations with whom we live in fellowship and peace. Not a few have cheerfully contributed towards the support of our minister and sit with us in the sanctuary, mingling their prayers with ours.

We have organized a Sunday School in the North River, which is attended by from 50 to 60 children. Many of these, however, belong to other denominations, but the desire of instruction, and the absence, so far, of violent prejudices, bring those of different denominations together. The Rev. Mr. Philip has also organized a Sabbath School in the village of Truro, the numbers of which are, I believe, continuing to increase. A gentleman from New York, a stranger, having opened to hear him preach, ordered him to draw on him in New York to the extent of £6, and apply this sum in purchasing books for the Sabbath scholars. Thus a library has been begun which will prove of great advantage. I trust you will excuse me for taking up so much of your room.

I am, sir, yours, &c.,

WILLIAM MCLEOD

North River, Onslow, Jan. 1864.

[Our esteemed correspondent,—who, we understand, is a son of the venerable christianist, who, in troublous times, rendered great services to the Church in this colony by his firm and temperate conduct, his earnest and enlightened teaching, and his exemplary christian walk and conversation,—may find upon a welcome to the pages of the Record whenever disposed to favor us with similar contributions.]

A Visit to Musquodoboit.

I WAS directed by the Presbytery to visit Musquodoboit in the beginning of December last, to stir up our good people there to contribute to the Dalhousie College Endowment Fund and the Home Mission, and to report upon the condition of the missionary and the people. I went by rail to Shubenacadie thence by waggon, driven well over bad roads by a big bumping lad, to Middle Musquodoboit. The maise of Tullachgorum being in hand, I instinctively made for it, as the ride made me think of dinner, and the hospitality of the maise to all of "the cloth" known far and wide over Nova Scotia. Though, as a rule, it is objectionable to all in print to the persons you meet in your travels, such rule applies only to nobodies who have never been before the public, and we are sensitive on the subject. It does not apply to public characters or celebrities;